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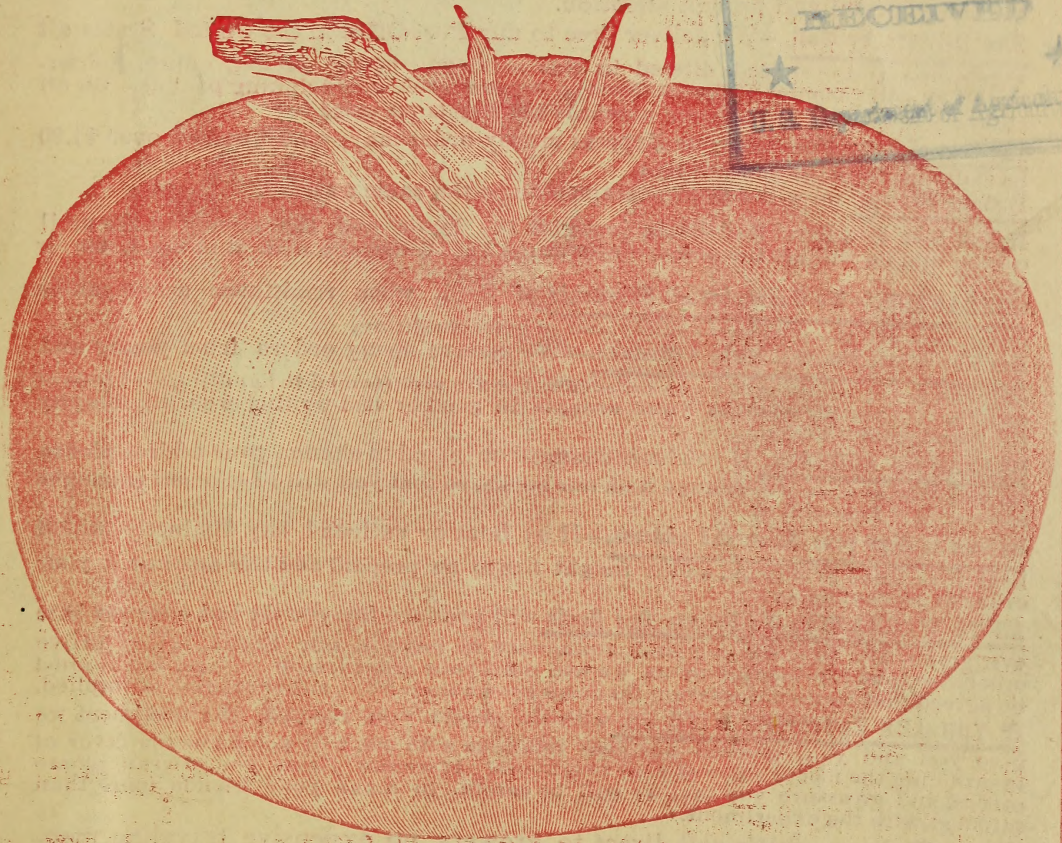
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John R. Risdon Seed Company

RIVERDALE, MARYLAND



Risdon's "Riverdale King."

RELIABLE VEGETABLE

AND FLOWER SEEDS

Breeders of HIGH-CLASS POULTRY.



**Seeds are 5 cents per pkt., or 25 pkts. for \$1.00, cash with order. Coupon for 25c. good with return order of \$1.00 cash.**

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We fill orders of all values, from the smallest to the largest, and all receive the same careful and prompt attention.

**Free Delivery by Mail.**—We deliver free to any Post-Office in the United States all vegetable and flower seeds offered in this catalogue by the packet, ounce, quarter-pound and all varieties of Tomato Seed in any size package, including pounds. On all other seeds for half-pounds and upwards add 8 cents per pound.

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**CHANGE OF ADDRESS.** If you have changed or intend to change your address please let us know, and we will change it on our books, so that you will receive our catalogue at your new Post-Office.

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**AS TO WARRANTY, We Believe Our Seeds** will produce for you the best crops you have ever grown, and to show you what confidence we have in our Seeds, if they prove otherwise than represented by us, we will refill your order free of charge, but it must be agreed that we do not warrant the crops grown therefrom, either express or implied.

**IF YOU ARE SATISFIED WITH US,** with the goods you receive, the treatment we give you and your general business relations with us, will you do us the favor of mentioning the fact to some of your neighbors? If we can please you, we can please others, and we assure you that we will be careful to make your friends more than satisfied, with the experiment.

**Our Prices.** We sell direct to growers, no expensive traveling men. Catalogue is plain, but simple and easily understood. By reducing cost of handling our stock we are able to give customers the benefit.

**All flower and vegetable seeds are sold at 5 cts per packet, or 25 pkts for \$1.00.**

Quality and quantity not sacrificed to price—You get all three right.

**Our Customers.** One of the best evidences we can offer those who have never bought seeds from us, that our seeds are thoroughly good, and our dealings satisfactory, is the fact that we have thousands of regular customers in all parts of the country. They would not buy from us year after year unless our seeds were at least as good and lower priced than they could get anywhere else. Would they? If you doubt our statements ask us for name and address of some buyer in your State.

**Canadian and Foreign Customers.**—We have a great many. You may have to pay a small amount of duty on the seed, but we invariably send along with your order extra packets to reimburse you. When possible please send American money. Canadian stamps and currency will, however, be accepted.

Address all letters to—

**JOHN R. RISDON SEED COMPANY, Riverdale, Maryland.**



# BEANS, Wax, String, Pole, and Limas.

Sow when the apple is in blossom and repeat every two weeks until within 5 weeks of frost, home gardens, rows 18 inches apart; in field, 2 feet; 4 inches apart in rows.

**LAZY WIFE (Pole) BEAN.** The old standby. Produces loads of round, thick dished pods of superior quality, fine for snaps, and lasts long time. Best as a shell bean for winter use. Pkt. 5c, pt. 25c.

**Extra Early Red Valentine.** Are ready to eat in thirty-two days from germination. Pods, light green and semi-transparent, round and slightly curved. Succulent, prolific, and quite free from strings, continuing long in edible condition—tender and juicy. Packets 5c; per pint, twenty-five cents.



*Extra Early Red Valentine.*

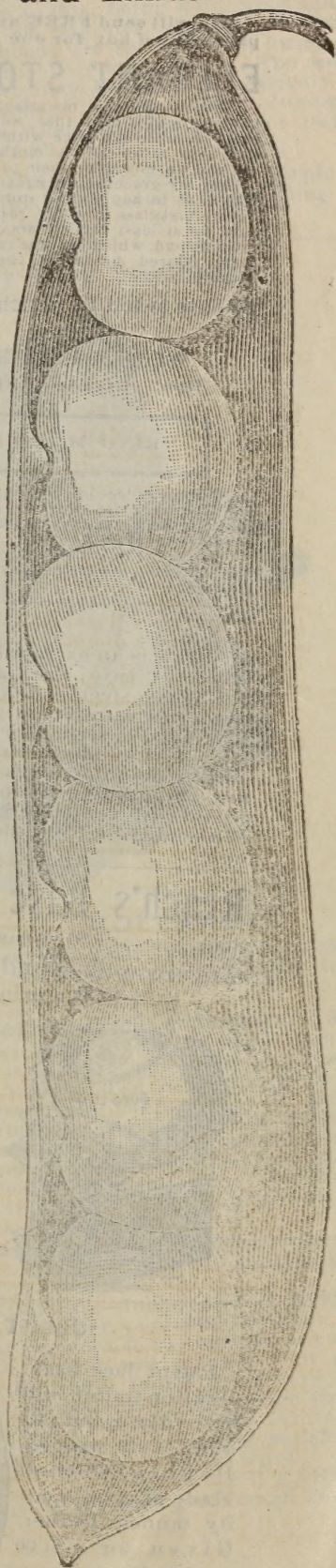
**Golden Wax.** One of the earliest beans, matures in about 35 days. The pods are of good length, flat, but quite thick and broad; they are entirely stringless, of a clear, waxy, golden-yellow, and of fine, buttery flavor. Hardy and productive. Pkt. 5c., pt. 25c.

**Risdon's Stringless Green Pod.** This variety is positively stringless, and remains tender and crisp longer after maturity than any other variety. The pods are green, long, and straight, perfectly round and meaty, maturing with the earliest green pod varieties; pkt. 5; pint twenty-five cents.

**Refugee or "1,000 to 1."** Very prolific. It matures green pods for table use in 40 days from germination. Pods round, light green, waxy, tender and of fine flavor. Pkt. 5c; pt. twenty-five cents.

**Risdon's Wax Beauty (pole bean).** This new pole bean is strikingly handsome, especially as the golden yellow pods mature and take on brilliant splashes of bright carmine red. Also remarkably good in other points, being early, very productive and of excellent quality. It is tender, brittle, stringless and fine flavored. The very large pods are six to eight inches long, straight and very broad. Packet 5c; pint twenty-five cents.

**Mammoth Horticultural Pole.** The mammoth pods are striped and splashed with crimson, very prolific. The beans when fit for use are of immense size and of





We will send **FREE** and **POSTPAID** any one of these pretty rings neatly packed in a plush-lined box for one dollar cash order

## ELEGANT STONE SET, GOLD RINGS.

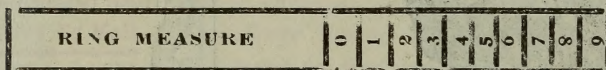
For many years manufacturers have been making persistent efforts to produce a gold ring that would take the place of a solid gold ring, and that could be made at a price within reach of those who could not afford to pay from \$5.00 to \$50.00 for it. A method was finally perfected by an ingenious American and we now offer them to our friends.

They are graceful, and equally as handsome in appearance as rings costing at least \$5.00 in any jewelry store. Remember they are not cheap plated goods, but are first class in every respect, and are guaranteed to wear and keep their color for at least three years. The settings are exceptionally fine, especially the diamond, which has the celebrated "Tiffany" style setting. \$20.00 was recently offered for one of them, the purchaser believing it well worth the money.

Be Sure to tell Us which you Want When Writing. All in sizes 4 to 9

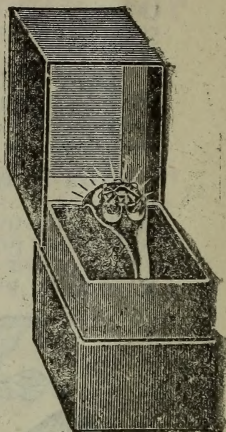
WE OFFER SIX DIFFERENT SPARKLING STONES.

Opal, Diamond, Garnet, Ruby, Turquoise, Emerald.



Cut out a piece of thick paper and fit it around your finger so that the ends will just meet, and so that it will pass over the knuckles. Then place this slip of paper along the ring measure, with one end at the left hand extremity, and the figure to which the other end reaches is your size. Please be careful, as usually people order rings too large.

You may think if the ring is as good as we say we cannot afford to make such a liberal offer, but remember, any of our premiums may be returned if not found exactly as described, and cash commission offer substituted.

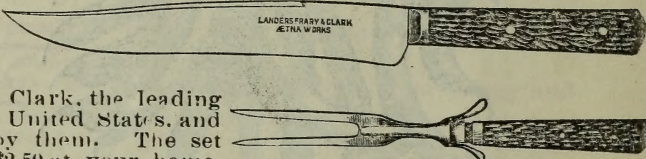


## TWO PIECE CARVING SET.

This is an extraordinary offer. A two-piece Carving Set: 9 inch steel blade Carver and Fork with patent guard; Stag handle, securely riveted.

Made by Landers, Frary & Clark, the leading cutlery manufacturers in the United States, and are absolutely guaranteed by them. The set would cost you from \$2.00 to \$2.50 at your home.

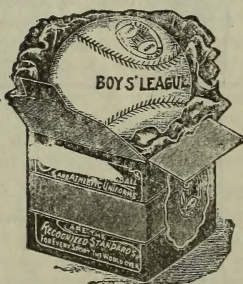
We send them Free and postpaid for a TWO DOLLARS and FIFTY-FIVE cent cash order.



## Reach's Base Ball Goods

Sent free for a \$1.00 cash order.

Are recognized and used exclusively by the American League.

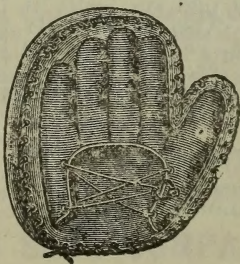


### BOYS LEAGUE BASE BALL.

Without exception the best boys league base ball made. Is perfectly formed and carefully made of horse hide; red stitching, strong and durable.

### Junior Mitt.

Patent lace back, like illustration, full size. Firm, but pliable, well padded. Double stitched. Made of good quality tanned leather. Given for a \$1.00 cash order.



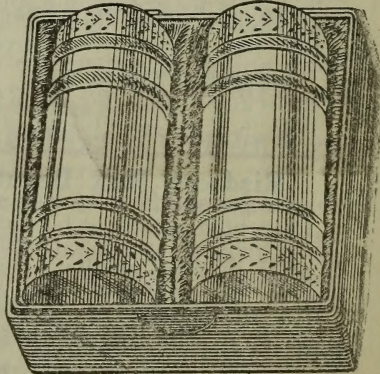
### Infielder's Glove.



Unusually well made, of Asbestos Buck. Well padded and strongly stitched double row on heel pad. We are fortunate in being able to offer this splendid glove for doing so little.

for a ONE DOLLAR cash order.

### SALT AND PEPPER SET.



This is a very pretty, well made set with hard, white metal base, nicely finished in coin silver. Bright or chased design. Nicely boxed.

Given **FREE** and postpaid for a \$1.00 cash order.



## CABBAGE Continued.

**Select Early Winnigstadt.** One of the best for general use, being very hardy and sure to head, forming a very hard conical shaped head when most sorts fail. Suffers less from the cabbage worm than any other sort. Keeps well both summer and winter; pkt. 5c; oz. 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 60c.

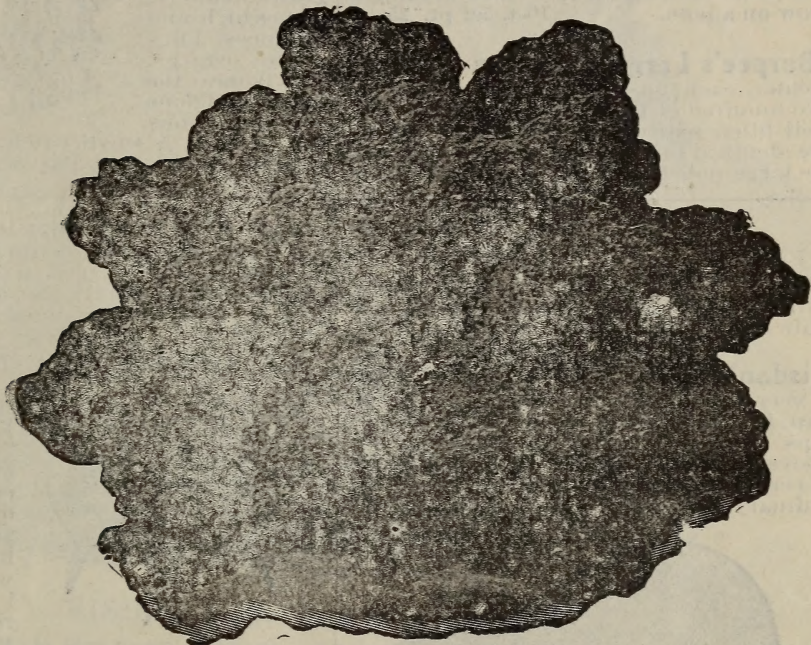
**Improved Savoy Cabbage**—This forms a very large solid head and the leaves are splendidly curled. Our stock of Savoy is unrivaled. It is unequalled for size and beauty, and give unqualified satisfaction wherever known. Should be grown everywhere; pkt. 5c, 1 oz. 20 1-4 lb. 60.

**Risdon's All Seasons**—10 days later than Risdon's Early Drumhead. No cabbage offered as an all-seasons' cabbage is superior to this, being admirably adapted for spring, summer, autumn or winter.

The heads are solid, sweet, large, flat. The stem short and sturdy. The seed of this sort may be sown successively and continuously in any locality during all periods when cabbage is sown; pkt. 5c; oz. 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 60c.

**Red Dutch**—Leaves red or purple and used almost exclusively for pickling purposes; pkt 5c, 1 oz. 20c.

## KALE.—New Very Curly Long Standing,



A beautiful curled and crimped sort, strong vigorous habit, perfectly hardy, bright green color, and very attractive in appearance. It is superior to all other sorts, and will stand longer without shooting to seed than any other variety; packet, 5 cents; ounce 15 cents; quarter pound 40 cents.

**Curled German.** Hardy. Stands the frost of our severe winters, grows rapidly, dwarf habit, and is beautifully curled. Thousands of acres are sown in this section to supply the market; packets, 5 cents; quarter pound, 30 cents.

**Dwarf Green Prolific Okra or Gumbo.** This vegetable is too little grown, as its green pods impart a fine flavor and consistency to soups and stews, besides being very palatable when stewed and served as a dish like asparagus. The pods can be easily dried for winter. It is universally grown throughout the South, is as easily raised as a weed in the North. So delicious is the flavor that when once used it will be grown every year in North-east as well as in Southern gardens. Packet, 5 cents; ounce 10 cents; quarter pound 30 cents.

## COLLARDS

Sow and treat exactly as cabbage. In the South sow from January to May, August to October.

**Georgia, Creole, or Southern.** (Cabbage Greens.) Its robust and vigorous character fits it to resist conditions unfavorable to the perfection of more highly developed types of the cabbage family, and it is therefore, at some seasons, in the Southern States, the only available form of cabbage. Forms a large, loose, open head, or a mass of leaves on a tall stem. Freezing does not injure, but rather improves its quality. Packet 5c; ounce 15c.

March 6th, 1909.

Mr. John R. Risdon.

Kind Sir:—Inclosed find \$2 40, post money order, payment for your seed. I will keep out 40 per cent for my commission. I sold and planted your seed last spring and I found them very good; seemed as if every seed came up. I am going to work more in the future for you as your seed gave general satisfaction to my customers. Yours truly,

MRS. MALISSI CARTER.  
Wynnewood, Indian Territory.



## BEANS==Continued.

finest flavor, and when dry are colored and marked in the same way as the pods. Excellent for table; green or dry. Pkt. 5c, pt. twenty-five cents.

**King of the Garden Lima.** Vines very vigorous and productive. Pods of the largest size, filled with four or five immense white beans of the finest quality. On account of its large pods it is a favorite with market gardeners. It will come into bearing sooner and will make larger pods if no more than two vines are left to grow on a pole. Pkt. 5c; pt. 25c.

**Burpee's Large Bush.** An immense yielder, each bush bearing from fifty to two hundred of the handsome, large pods, well filled with very large beans, which are identical in size and inscious flavor to the large pole limas. By the introduction

of this bean the largest and best Limas can be raised without the labor and expense of poles. packet 5c; pint twenty-five cents.

**Henderson's Bush Lima.** This Dwarf Lima is extremely early, being fit to use sooner than any other variety of the limas. It grows about 18 inches high and produces immense crops. This is one of the most delicious and nutritious vegetables. A small patch will produce all a family can eat. Pkt. 5c., pt. 25c.

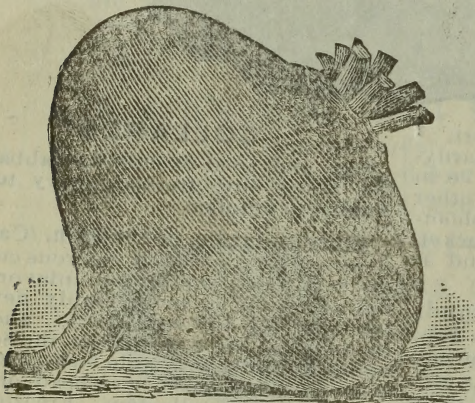


## BEETS.

Sow when apples are in bloom. Home garden, rows 18 inches apart; field, 2 1/2 feet. Thin to five inches apart.

### Risdon's Early Crimson Globe Beet

A very superior strain of blood-red Egyptian, handsome form, good size, few small tops very small tap root, fine quality, and above all, quick, rapid growth. The shape is very desirable, not quite so flat as the ordinary Egyptian, nor so round as the



*Dark Red Turnip Beet.*

**Eclipse.** Best shape for packing and shipping. Once used it is preferred to all others for sowing in frames or for first sowing outdoors; packets 5c; quarter pound 25c.

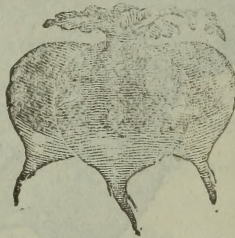
**Detroit Dark Red Turnip.** One of the best deep red turnip beets for market gardeners or home use. Its small upright growing tops early maturing, and fine globular shape an rich, deep red color of the roots, make it very popular with every one who plants it. Our seeds are selected from the best strain of stock seed and will give good satisfaction; packets 5c; 2 oz. 20c; quarter pound 30c.

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**Early Blood-Red Turnip.** Broad and flat like a turnip, early in maturity, and of unexcelled quality. It is the best turnip-shaped beet for family use, all things considered, and we recommend it to all gardeners. Pkt. 3c; 1 lb. 25c.

### Extra Early Eclipse Beet.

This kind is to a great extent superseding the Egyptian. The bulbs are perfect globes (like cut) blood colored, tender and of delicious flavor. Develop with astonishing rapidity; ready to eat in 40 days. One



of the finest table beets in existence.

Packet 5c; 1 lb. 25c.

## Asparagus.

Asparagus is one of the earliest spring vegetables, and would be in universal use were it not for the mistaken idea that it is difficult to grow. In reality it can be produced very easily and cheaply. It does best in a moist, sandy soil, but can be grown in any garden. A bed 15 by 50 feet, requiring about 100 plants, should give an abundant supply for an ordinary family.

**Culture.** Beds are usually formed by setting plants one or two years old, which can be procured of us. If you wish to grow plants from the seed yourself, pour hot, not boiling, water on the seed, let stand until cool; pour it off and repeat two or three times with fresh hot water; then sow in drills one foot apart and two inches deep, in light, rich soil. When the plants are well up, thin out to about one inch apart give frequent and thorough cultivation during the summer. If this has been well done, plants will be fit to set next spring.

**Columbia Mammoth White.**—A new variety, producing white stalks of large size and finest quality. Packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20c.



## CABBAGE.

Do not plant all your seed at one time. Sow early in spring in hot beds, or later in open ground. Don't plant seed in soil that is richer than the ground into which you will transplant. Don't plant too thickly. Water freely. Set plants down deeply—to first leaf—from 18 to 36 inches apart according to variety. Soil must be rich and hoed often for success. It is absolutely necessary to have good seed. We are satisfied there is none better than ours.



### RISDON'S LATE DRUMHEAD.

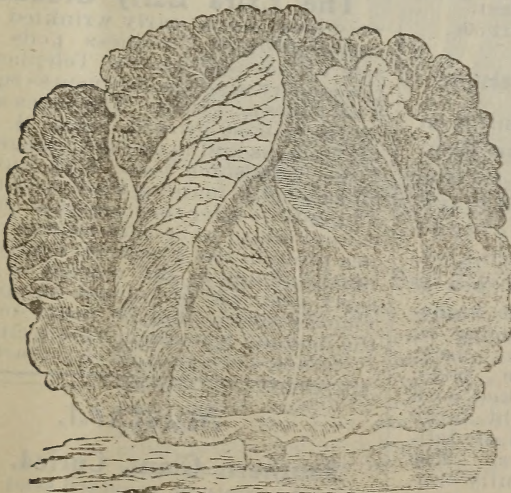
**Risdon's Large Late Flat Dutch Cabbage.** We highly recommend this variety both for family use and market gardeners' profit, as it is a good keeper and an excellent shipper. Its quality can be relied upon as producing, within 120 days, on rich soil, immense, flat heads, perfectly solid and of superior texture. Pkt. 5c; oz. 20c; 2 ozs. 30c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 65c

is a very valuable early variety. The heads are round, heart-shaped, and very firm. Packets, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; quarter pound, 45 cents.

**Risdon's Large Late Drumhead.** This is one of our standard late-maturing varieties. Late, large, solid, always reliable as a header, and noted for its excellent quality. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c; 2 ozs. 30c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 45c

**Select Very Early Jersey Wakefield.** Heading 70 to 80 days from sowing. The most widely cultivated of the early cabbages. It is very early; short stemmed; head cone-shaped, broad at the bottom with blunt peak; leaves leathery, well folded over the top. A reliable header and most excellent in all good qualities. The strain we offer is unexcelled by any offered under other names, or at a higher price. Packet 5c; ounce, 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 60c.

**Risdon's Early Drumhead.** In form, from round to flat; size, large, always solid, few extra leaves; rather short in stem and will stand without bursting; such qualities the market gardener can duly appreciate. For a family cabbage, to succeed the earlier sorts, we cannot but recommend it unhesitatingly. Matures in 90 days. Pkt. 5c, 1 oz. 2c, 20 oz. 40c, 1-4 lb. 75c.



**Risdon's Large Early York.** This



# PEAS

Plant very early, before the frosts are over. Dwarf kinds in rows, for hand cultivation, 15 inches apart, for horse, 2 feet-medium height, 3 feet, and tall, 5 feet. Of dwarf varieties sow ten to the foot, medium high, 8 to foot, 6 to the foot of very tall. Continue planting every little while up to within two months of frost.



## Earliest of All.

This is by far the earliest pea grown, maturing considerably earlier than even Nott's Excelsior. Vine is short, and pods comparatively small. Good.

Flavor for a forcing variety. Packet, 5c; pint, 30c; quart, 50c.

**Premium Gem.** This variety is nearly as early as the American Wonder, and the vine is decidedly larger, growing from a height of from 12 to 15 inches, and bearing an immense crop of pods, which are large and invariably well filled with peas of best quality. The dry peas are green, large, wrinkled, often flattened; packet, 5 cents; pint, 30 cents; quart, 50 cents.

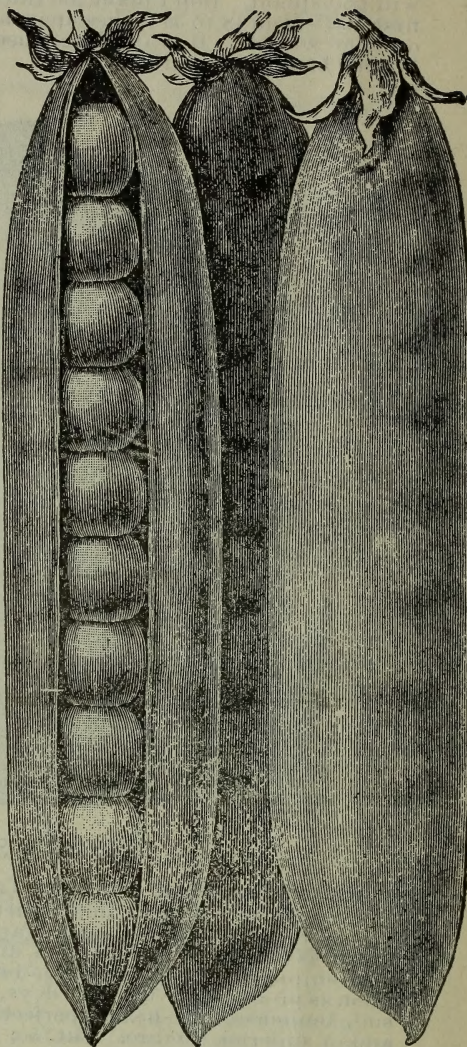
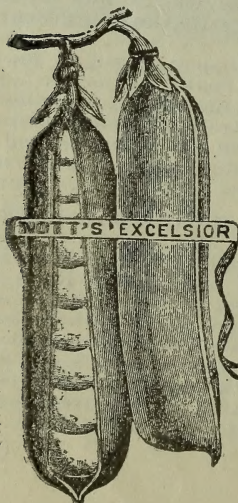
**Champion of England.** Matures quickly. Universally admitted to be one of the richest and best flavored peas grown. Very early. Remarkably productive. Height 3 to 4 feet, seed wrinkled, whitish green and much shriveled. Pkt, 5c; pt, 30c; qt, 50c.

**Telephone.** Matures in 65 days. A wrinkled variety of very robust habit and a great bearer. A single vine produces from 18 to 20 unusually long, well-filled pods of largest size, containing 10 to 11 peas often forming a double row. It is very productive, of fine flavor. Excellent table variety; height about 4 feet.

Pkt. 5, pt. 30, quart 50c.

## Nott's Excelsior.

An improvement on the American Wonder. Peas for the table in 54 days. This excellent dwarf, wrinkled, extra early pea is robust and vigorous, producing in profusion long, handsome pods, closely packed with six to eight large sweet peas of delicate flavor. The pods are fully one-third larger than the American Wonder. Packet, 5c; pint, 30; quart, 50c.



**The Extra Early Gradus.** The very best extra early wrinkled pea ever introduced; it produces pods equal in size to the well known Telephone, while the quality and productiveness equals that well known variety. The vines are of vigorous, robust growth, about 2½ feet high, thick stems and luxuriant foliage; it bears large, handsome pods, with immense delicious peas, remaining sweet and tender for a long time after they are fit to pick. You cannot afford to be without this pea. This pea brought the producer nearly twice as much money in the market as any other early pea. A prominent shipper in this vicinity stated that he could not supply the demand from the northern cities.

Packet, 5 cts; pint, 30 cts; quart, 60 cts.

## Mustard.

**Southern Giant, Curled.** An improved variety of mustard seed much esteemed in the South. Very succulent, pungent and of sweet flavor. Frequently sown in the fall in the South; packet, 5 cents; ounce 15 cents; quarter pound 25 cents.



## CARRIOTS.

Sow in deep soil as early as it is ready, and as late as June 15 in the north, in rows in inches apart. When two inches high thin to four inches apart.

**Guerande, or Ox Heart.** Tops small for the size of the roots, which are comparatively short, but often reach a diameter of seven inches, terminating abruptly in a small top-shaped root. Flesh orange red, fine grained and of delicious flavor. Desirable for soil so hard and stiff that longer growing sorts would not thrive in it.

Packet 5c; quarter pound, 30c.

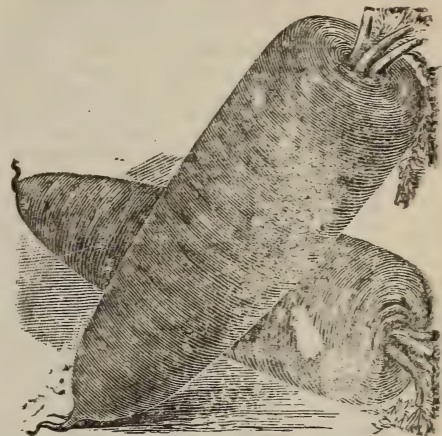
**Half Long Scarlet Nantes, Stump Rooted.** Tops medium size; roots slightly more cylindrical than illustration, and smooth. Flesh orange, becoming yellow in center, but with no distinct core. Of the finest quality, and one of the most symmetrical and handsome of the medium-sized sorts. Excellent for the market or home garden; packet 5c; quarter pound 30c.

**Improved Long Orange or St. Valery.**—An improvement on Red Surry, but similar. The finest long variety for the table. Excellent color, crisp, rich flavor; packet, 5c; quarter pound 40c.

**Improved Short White—Finest White** Carrot grown. Best for stock. Yields enormously. Easily harvested.

Quarter pound, 25c; half lb. 45c.

**Early Rubicon Carrot.** Is a Half-Long Orange, stump-rooted carrot, of a beautiful deep-red orange color. It is ear-



*Long Orange, or St. Valery.*

lier than Danvers, about the same length but heavier and thicker at the shoulders, making it more productive. The leaves are also shorter, fewer, and finer. It is a wonderfully heavy cropper, producing 20 to 40 tons to the acre under good culture. Packet, 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents; quarter pound 30c.

## CELERY.

Sow out doors quite early in spring in well raked bed. Water freely. When plants are three inches high transplant to very shallow trenches, six inches apart, earthing up freely as plants mature.

**White Plume** This famous variety, which is of an entirely distinct type of this popular vegetable, should be grown only for fall and early winter use. Packet 5 cents; oz. 20c.

**Golden Dwarf.** A distinct variety of sturdy, dwarf habit. It is solid, an excellent keeper, and of fine nutty flavor. The heart, which is large and full, is of a light yellow when blanched, making this an exceedingly showy and desirable variety for both market and private use. Packet 5c; ounce 20c; 1-4 lb. 60c.

**Giant Pascal.** This is a mammoth, silver-white stalked, green leaved variety. An excellent sort for fall and winter use. It blanches very quickly to a beautiful yellowish-white color; is very solid and crisp and of fine nutty flavor. The stalks grow broad and thick, a single plant forming a large bunch. Especially in the South. Cut shows this variety. Pkt. 5c; oz. 20c, 1-4 lb. 75c.



### **French Golden Self-Blanching.**

This is the very best celery in cultivation for market gardens. Since its introduction, in 1884, it has been steadily increasing in sales, until now it is the main early celery raised by market gardeners generally. The ribs are perfectly solid, crisp, brittle and of delicious flavor when blanched with earth; but when the blanch-

ing is done with boards it is as stringy. It is self-blanching to a remarkable degree, for when cut up or any covering which the outer ribs become a beautiful lowish white color. It is solid and of a beautiful low color. No variety is equal to it. 5 cents; ounce,



## Cauliflower.

**Early Snowball**—Edible buds 90 to 100 days from planting. A variety of wide celebrity, by reason of its reliable qualities of productiveness, color, flavor and keeping in condition. Early, good size, pure white, medium length of stalk. Leaves long and narrow. The variety of which most is sold. No stock of seed under any name or at any price is better than.

**Price per packet 10 cts. each**

## CORN.

Table corn should not be planted too early. Wait until the cherries are in bloom. For continuous supply, plant every two weeks until within 60 days of frost. Sow sugar varieties thicker than others. Hills 3x3 feet, except for Evergreen which should be 3x1 feet. Thin to 3 stalks to a hill.

**Mammoth White Cory.** Matures 60 days. The largest and best extra early sweet corn. Each stalk invariably furnishes one or more large, finely shaped ears which are fit for use before those of any other sort. The ears are twelve-rowed, very symmetrical and handsome, with no opening between the rows at the base. The grain is large, broad, very white and of remarkably good quality and flavor for such an early sort. pkt. 5c; pint, 20c.

**Crosby's Early.** This popular variety matures in 70 days from planting, and is one of the best second early sorts, for the market and the private garden. Stalks four to five feet high and are well covered with husks; bearing one or two ears medium size, twelve-rowed; kernels very broad, thick, sweet and tender, not shrinking much in drying. Our stock is very choice; pkt. 5c; pint 20c.



"Evergreen."

**Stowell's Evergreen.** One of the best. If planted at the same time as earlier kinds it will keep the table supplied until October. It is hardy and productive; very tender and sugary; remaining a long time in a fresh condition suitable for cooking; pkt. 5c; pint, 20c.

**Country Gentleman.** The most delicious of all sweet corns. The ears are somewhat smaller and less showy than the coarser varieties, but for family use, where quality is preferred to size, it has no equal. The cob is very small, giving great depth to the kernels. The great merit of Country Gentleman is fine quality. Ripens in 70 days; pkt. 5c; pint, 20c.

**Rice Pop Corn**—A very handsome variety; white; ears short; kernels long, pointed, very prolific. No variety of Pop Corn is superior to this for popping. Pkt. 5c

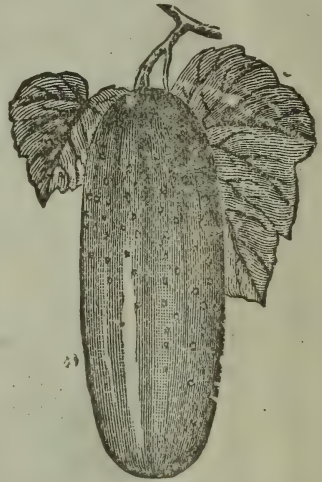
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**Corn Salad (Broad Leaved, Large seeded.)** A delicious salad, used during the winter and spring months as a substitute for lettuce, and is also cooked and used like spinach. Sow in spring in drills one foot apart. It will mature in six weeks. For early spring use sow in September and winter over like spinach. Packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; quarter pound, 30 cents.

## CUCUMBERS.

For early use plant when cherries are in bloom; then when the apple blooms, and in midsummer for pickling. In hills 4x5 feet about a dozen or twenty seeds in a hill. When danger of insects is passed thin out to three plants in a hill. Rich well manured soil

**Improved Early White Spine.** We consider this the best all-round variety for table use. Very early grows uniformly straight and smooth. Light green with white spines. Remarkably crisp and tender; of delicious flavor. Very popular. Packets, 5c; ounce, 20; quarter pound, 30c.



**Risdon's Improved Long Green.** Vines vigorous and productive, forming fruit fit for the table nearly as early as the shorter sorts. Fruit about twelve inches long, firm and crisp. The young fruit makes excellent pickles, and when ripe is the best for sweet pickles. We offer a carefully selected strain, uniformly long and of good form, with the large warts and spines well distributed over the surface instead of being clustered at one end as in inferior stocks. Packet, 5c; ounce, 20c; quarter pound, 30c.

**Jersey Pickle, 60 Days to Make Pickles** It is productive, and "greens" better than any other variety, and holds color. Early spring sowings will develop fruit of pickling size, 2 to 3 inches long, in 60 days. Early summer sowings in 70 days. A cylindrical cucumber; very crisp and tender. Packet, 5c; oz., 15c; 1 lb 30c.

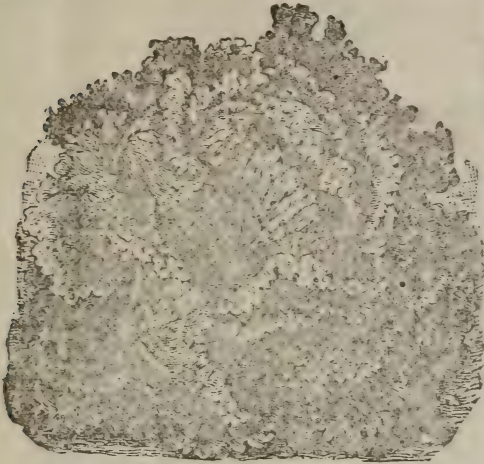
**ENDIVE** is one of the best salads for fall and winter use. Sow from early supply about the middle of April. As it is used mostly in the fall months, the main sowings are made in June and July. Plant one foot apart each way.

**Green Curled. (Self-Bleaching.)** The best in cultivation. Much more beautiful and ornamental than the old sort; packets, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; quarter pound, 30 cents.



## LETTUCE.

For outdoors, plant in rows fifteen inches apart. Thin to 4 inches, and when large enough to eat cut out every second stalk to give more room.



**Risdon's Private Stock.** An improved type of the popular Big Boston, having the same characteristics of that variety, except the leaves are free from the brown tinge. The heads are solid and very crisp, when other sorts become tough and flaky. An all season lettuce. Our seed has been selected most carefully, yet it is not absolutely fixed in type. Gardeners who grew it in the past demand it again; packets, 5 cents; ounce 25 cents; quarter pound, 60 cents.

**Boston Market.** This variety of lettuce is used specially for greenhouse and hot-bed culture, because it can be planted very close. It grows very compact, fair size. Packets, 5 cents; ounce 20 cents; quarter pound 40 cents.

**Philadelphia Cream Butter** Is a lettuce of much merit. It meets the expectations of expert gardeners and shippers who have no use for any except the best. Outside leaves are a medium green color, and inside is folded a solid head of rich creamy yellow color. It is one of the best in cultivation; packets, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; quarter pound, 40 cents.

**Prize Head or Satisfaction Lettuce.** Old standard variety, still the best of the large, thin-leaved, clustering sorts for the home garden. The leaves are very large, crimped, bright green tinged with brownish red, and are exceedingly tender, crisp and sweet, forming a large, loose head. Packet, 5c; oz. 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40c.

**Risdon's Early Summer, 50 Days.** A certain and good header, early and attractive. Shape of head inclined to be slightly sugar-loafed. Deliciously crisp and tender. Color a yellowish-green. Packet, 5c; oz. 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40c.

**Hanson.** Plant large, forming a large-flat, solid head, resembling that of a cabbage. Outer leaves are bright green with prominent light colored veins; inner leaves white and usually curved and twisted at the base. Very tender and sweet. It is the standard summer head lettuce. Packet, 5c; oz., 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 40c.

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## Purple, Thornless Egg Plant.

**Egg Plant.** In shape, color and size this egg plant is perfection. Its rich, glossy dark purple color, its beautiful form and large size make it most attractive for the markets and for shipping. Experienced gardeners discard all other sorts, giving this decided preference. It is earlier than other sorts, and outsells all other varieties; packets, 5 cents; one-half ounce, 20 cents; ounce, 50 cents.

## LEEK. Extra Large. It is the best.

This mammoth leek is not to be compared with the old kinds. It grows so much larger very and handsome. Packets, 5c; ounce 20 cents; quarter pound, 50 cents.

**CULTURE OF LEEK.** The leek is very hardy, of easy culture, and succeeds best in a light soil. Sow early in April, in drills 1 foot apart and 1 inch deep. When the plants are 6 to 8 inches high, transplant in a deep rich soil, in rows 12 inches apart, and 6 inches in the rows, as deep as possible, so that the neck may be covered and blanched; draw the earth to them as they grow.

## HERBS.

**Culture.**—Select light, rich soil and lay off in shallow drills one foot apart, along which sprinkle the seed and cover slightly. Do not let the plants stand closer than two or three inches.

**Sweet Majoram.** A perennial plant but not hardy enough to endure the winter of the North. The young tender tops are used green for flavoring, or they may be dried for winter use. Sow in drills as early as possible, and thin out the plants to 10 inches; packet 5c; ounce 10c.

**Broad-Leaf English Thyme.** This herb is perennial, and is both a medicinal and culinary plant. The young leaves and tops are used for soups, dressings, and sauce. A tea is made of the leaves, which is a great remedy for nervous headache. Sow as early as the ground will permit. Packets, 5 cents; ounce 20 cents.

**Sage.**—A perennial possessing medicinal properties, used extensively for flavoring and dressing. Sow early in the spring on rich ground, cultivate often, thin plants to 6 inches apart. Cut the leaves and tender shoots just as the plant is coming into flower and dry quickly in the shade. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c.

**Summer Savory**—A hardy annual, the dried stems, leaves and flowers of which are extensively used for flavoring, particularly in dressings and soups. Pkt 5c, oz 15c.

## PARSLEY

**Risdon's Green Curled Parsley.** Deep green color, very hardy, very curled and productive. Growing with long stems making it the best for the market and home use. Packet 5 cents; ounce, 20; quarter pound 40 cents.

**Emerald Gem.** None superior; very fine curled and twisted leaf, of deep green color. A well-bred, very choice strain, short jointed, tufted, certain to please. Packet, 5c; oz., 20c



# POPULAR VARIETIES of FLOWERS

All seed is fresh, pure, true to name, and the best to be had anywhere.

Our Prices Are 3 Cents Per Packet, instead of from 5c. to 25c.—

The usual price charged by other seedsmen. They are positively as good as you can get anywhere else at any price.

**OPEN AIR CULTURE.** Flower seeds, being usually small and delicate, the soil must be carefully prepared. Large stones, clods and other material should be removed after the earth has been deeply dug and fertilized; but the soil should not be made so fine as to become pasty under moisture.

The best results will generally be obtained by sowing all the varieties in one plot or bed, in rows 1 foot apart, weeded and attended carefully. When 1 or 2 inches high, the young plants can be removed, on a rainy or cloudy, damp day, to permanent positions in carefully prepared soil, enriched with manure or compost.

In the after-culture the most important matter is to keep the beds well-thinned, for mowing will defeat all other preparation, while space, which at first seems four times as much, will serve to develop robust plants, which, by their ample leafage and well-developed flower, will amaze those who are not familiar with the conditions of ample space necessary to successful plant culture.



**ASTERS.** One of the most popular, useful, and attractive of our annuals. Seed may be planted in the house in March, for early flowers, but the Aster is essentially a fall flower, the late blossoms being the finest, and it is best to sow seed in early May. Transplant 12 inches apart for tall and 6 inches for dwarf varieties. We offer especially fine strains.

**CANNAS.** Cannas are now the most popular bedding plants in existence, and certainly among the most striking and beautiful. They possess superb foliage and brilliant blossoms, ever increasing in beauty and profusion until the frosts cut them down. The individual flowers grown from our seed are the size of gladiolus blossoms, borne in great spike or heads of bloom. Seeds should be filed at seed and soaked for twenty-four hours in hot water before planting. Start early in house, but do not plant out until all danger of frost is over. The bed can scarcely be made too rich and mellow. Give plenty of water, and seedling plants will be in bloom by the middle of July. The roots can be kept over winter in the cellar for planting out following spring.

**DWARF FRENCH.** About 3 feet. As-sorted. The best dwarf kind. Pkt, 3c.

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**NEW VICTORIA.** Magnificent flowers, massive and showy, with regular overlapping petals clear to the center. The flowers measure four inches and over across, and are of rich and varied colors. The plants grow very evenly, pyramidal in form, about 18 inches high, and carry from twenty-five to forty flowers each. Over twenty colors, mixed. Very fine seed. Pkt. 3c.

**VICK'S BRANCHING,** (mixed). A strong grower of branching habit, and continues to grow and bloom later in the season than any other variety. The flowers are very large, often four inches in diameter, borne on long stems, adding greatly to their value for vases and bunches. The petals are more or less twisted or curled in such a manner as to give the blooms the appearance of large, graceful chrysanthemums. Extra fine for cutting. Choice assorted colors. Pkt. 3c.

**GLOBE FLOWERED,** (mixed.) Splendid flowers. Almost as round as a ball. Compact. All colors. 1 1/4 feet tall. Pkt 3c.

**NEW GIANT COMET,** (mixed.) The Comet Asters resemble finest Chinese Chrysanthemums in shape and artistic curved and twisted petals. 12 to 15 inches high, long stems and extra large flowers. White, blue etc assorted colors. Pkt 3c.

**IMPROVED GERMAN QUILLED,** (mixed). A regular, standard kind. Very showy, fast high. Splendid assortment. pk. 3c.

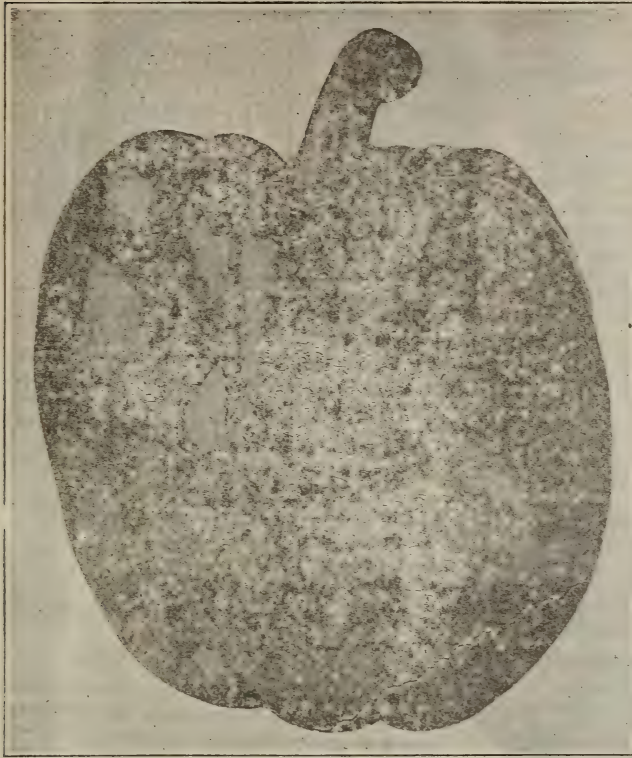


**CROZY'S EARLY LARGE FLOWERING** Cannot be surpassed for quality and brilliancy of colors. Mixed. Pkt. 3c.



## PEPPER.

Plant under glass in early spring, or out side when apple blooms, in a warm, sunny place, and transplant after corn planting time, 2 by 3 feet apart.



**Bell or Bull Nose.** Produces a very large sized pepper, which is highly esteemed for pickling, the skin being thicker than any of the other varieties; packets, 5 cents; ounce, 30 cents; quarter pound, 70.

**Long Red Cayenne.** A long, red variety, very hot, and is generally used for seasoning soups; packets, 5 cents; ounce, 30 cents; quarter pound, 70.

### Sweet Mountain.—

It is a very vigorous, and productive, growing upright. Fruit large, about 8 inches in length by 2 inches in diameter; of a bright, deep green color, and when matured of a rich red. Flesh very thick, sweet, and mild flavored. Well suited to be used stuffed.

Packet five cents; oz. 30c.

### Ruby King Pepper.—

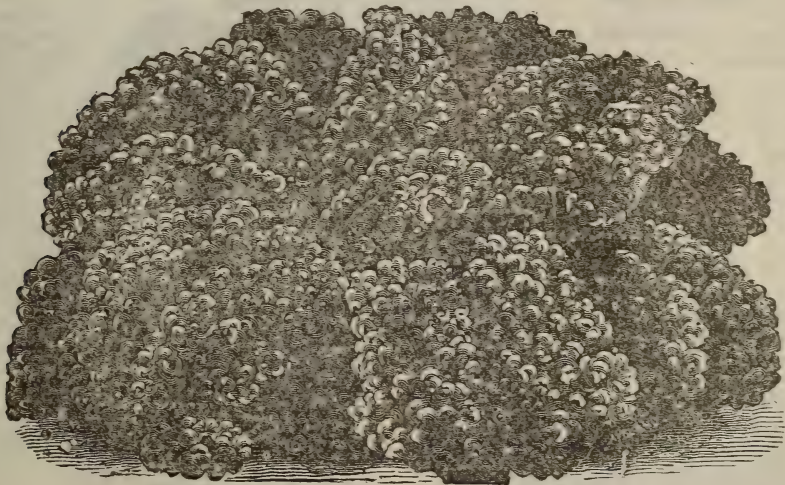
The largest and handsomest of all the red peppers. When ripe they are of a beautiful, bright, ruby red color, and are always remarkably mild and pleasant to the taste.

Packet, five cents; oz., 30c.

**Red Chili.** For seasoning catsups, sauces, pickles, etc. Bright, rich red pods, about 2 in. in length,  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in diameter at the base. Requires a long, warm season. The plants should be started early in hot beds.

Packet, five cents 1 oz. 30c.

## SPINACH.



**Bloomsdale Spinach.** Ready for eating in 40 days. The earliest Spinach known. This is a form of spinach superior to all other sorts because of its leaves being curled, twisted and bloated to an unusual degree, making more of it when cooked.

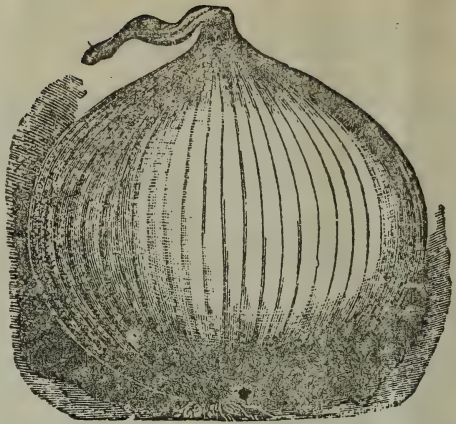
Packet five cents; oz. 10c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb 20c.



## ONIONS.

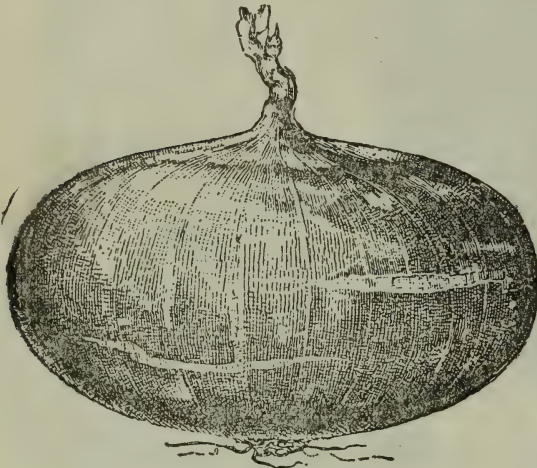
Our seed will produce marketable onions long before any New England or Western grown seed. It's the best that can be had. Sow when apples are in bloom, in rows 1 foot apart. We offer the five leading varieties.

**Risdon's True Yellow Globe Danvers.** Oval in form, of beautiful light color and excellent flavor. The standard onion grown by everyone who knows anything about onions. Growers of onions for the market will at once appreciate the importance of securing seed of unquestioned quality, and that will mature early, and that is what we offer. Packet 5c; oz., 30c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 70c.



**Large Red Wethersfield.** This is the favorite onion of the East. Rich red in color and of good shape. Flavor is stronger than any other kind. Best onion for poor soil. Packet. 5c; oz., 30c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 70c.

**Bloomsdale Silver Skin or White.** A mild, crisp, tender and pleasant flavored variety, admirable for family use. Not so good a keeper as the dark-skinned varieties, but better flavored and always salable. Packet, 5c; oz. 30c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 70c.



Large Red Wethersfield.

**White Pickling Onion.** This is the earliest Onion in cultivation. At maturity the tops die down directly to the bulb, leaving the nicest little bulb imaginable.

**Giant Prize Taker.** A mammoth Yellow Globe, averaging 12 to 14 inches in circumference, similar to the huge Spanish onions exhibited on fruit stands in Autumn. Rich yellow color. Flesh white, sweet, tender, and of delicious mild flavor. Packet, 5c; oz., 30c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 70c.

is pure white, very delicate and mild flavored. For table use and pickling it is most valuable. Our customers will be more than pleased with this Onion. Give it a trial. Pkt. 5c; 30 oz. c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 70c.

## RADISH.

Sow when cherry blooms, and every two weeks thereafter for continuous crop, in a sheltered spot, in rich, well worked soil. Rows 10 inches apart.

**Early Red Turnip Radish.** One of the earliest quick growing kinds. Fine eating qualities, not woody, best for early market or table use. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35c.

**French Breakfast.** A medium sized radish, olive shaped, small top, of quick growth, very crisp and tender. Of a beautiful scarlet color, except near the tip, which is pure white. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 5c.

**Round Black Spanish.** The old reliable; three or four inches in diameter; skin black, flesh white, very compact and highly flavored. An excellent sort for winter, splendid keeper. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c.

**Scarlet Extra Early White Tipped Turnip-Rooted.** Matures in eighteen days. Rich in color, smooth in skin, crisp and of delicious flavor. One of the best round kinds. Packet 5c; ounce 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound 35c.



Early Scarlet White Tipped Turnip Rooted Radish.



## RADISHES—(Continued)

### Market Gardeners' Early Long Scarlet

Longer than

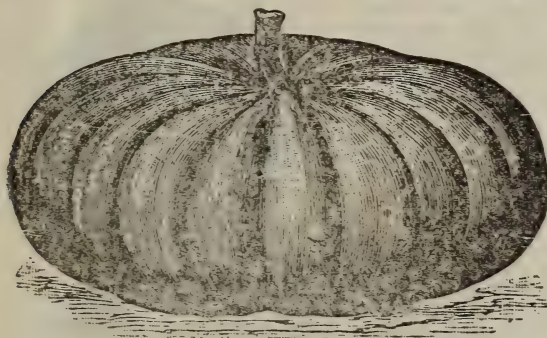


and shorter than the old Long Scarlet. An admirable long variety fully 10 days earlier than the Long Scarlet and very superior to it for that reason. Twenty-three days to maturity. This is an especially fine strain of this standard radish for home gardens. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 35c.

**Scarlet China Winter Radish.** A fine winter sort. Root a half long stump of from 2 to 3 inches; scarlet and pink in color, tipped with white. Flesh is firm, crisp, tender and quite pungent. Keeps perfectly. The best all round kind. No one should fail to grow some for winter when relishes for tea are scarce. Sow

same time as winter turnips. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c.

**Kisdon's Snow White Turnip Radish.** It has short tops, rapid growth, perfect turnip shape, extra fine quality, and stands a long time before getting pithy; remaining solid and juicy for a long time after full grown. Will succeed either under glass or open ground; packet 5c; ounce 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound 40c.



## SQUASH.

Don't plant until the soil is thoroughly warm. In hills, 4x4 feet. Leave 3 mature plants to a hill.

**Golden Summer Crookneck.** This is fully as early as the old Bush Crookneck, grows very much larger and is of a beautiful, bright golden yellow. It is a profitable sort for market because it grows quickly and large. Keeps bearing all summer. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.

**Hubbard.** The best winter squash. A favorite with market gardeners, and we consider it the very best all-round squash for winter. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c.  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.

**Early White Bush Scalloped**—Is the earliest and grown almost exclusively for the first crop. Excellent for table use. Rind is hard texture, making it suitable for shipping. Extensively grown in the South for that purpose. Packet 5c; oz. 15c. (1)

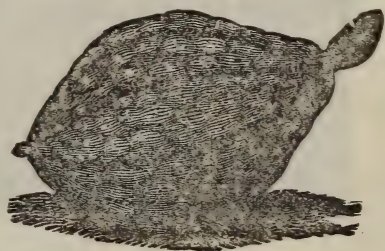
**Rislon's Fire Ball Radish—Best** in every way. Handsome in form and color. Its foliage is small compared with other varieties. The peculiar merit of this variety as a forcing radish is that it will bear the heat requisite for forcing without becoming pithy or spongy. The flesh is tender, juicy, and mild. It is equally as good for open garden culture as for forcing, and therefore it commends itself equally to the amateur and market gardener; packet 5 cents; ounce, 15 cents; quarter pound 40 cents.

**White Strasburg.** Matures in 5 weeks. Flesh is firm, brittle and tender; excellent for summer use, as it grows quickly.

Pkt. five cents, 1 oz. 15. 1-4 lb. 40.

## SQUASH and PUMPKIN.

**Boston Marrow.** A splendid winter squash of good keeping qualities. The flesh is bright orange, fine grain, and un-



surpassed. It is oval-shaped and thin skin of bright orange color. For pies it is equal to the best pumpkins; packets 5c; ounce 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound, 40c.

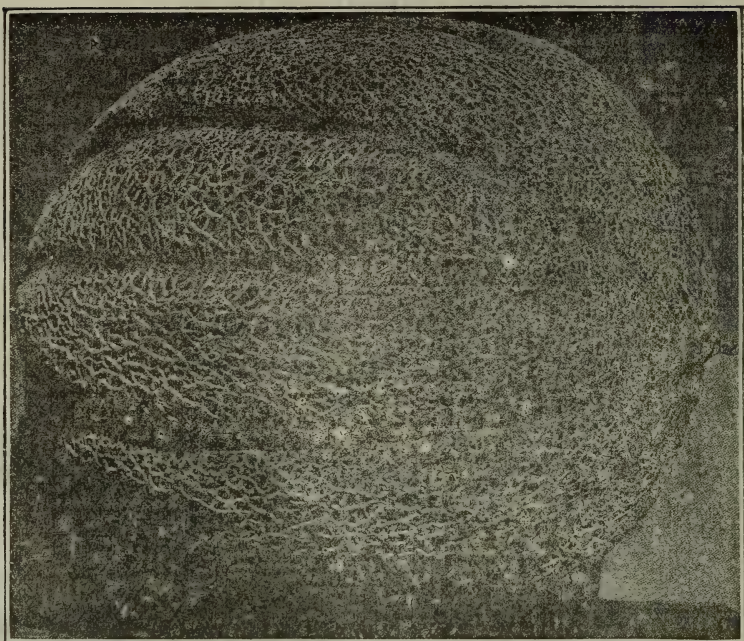
**Pumpkin, Sweet Cheese or Kentucky Field.** One of the very best for pies. Flat, like a cheese box, mottled light green and yellow, changing to rich cream as it matures. Flesh is tender and of excellent quality and flavor. Plant when soil is thoroughly warm in hills 8 to 10 feet apart, or in every fourth hill of corn. Packet, five cents; oz., 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.

**Large Field.** Large reddish yellow slightly oval. Very productive, used for canning or stock. Pkt 5c; oz. 15c.





## CANTELOUPES Continued.



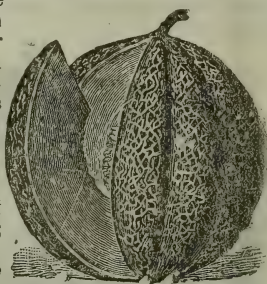
### Risdon's Nutmeg.

excellent keeper. Its size, shape and fine quality, and being a good shipper, make it an exceptionally fine variety for the family table and the market gardener. Our seed is very fine. Pkt. 5c; oz. 15c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 20c.

**Montreal Market.** One of the largest melons, often measuring 12 to 14 inches in diameter and weighing from 10 to 20 pounds. Slightly oval in shape, with regular, shallow ribs, and sparsely covered with netting. Flesh deep, light green, very juicy, sweet and of excellent flavor. Packet 5c; oz. 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 25c.

**Small Sugar Pumpkin.** A handsome little pumpkin, with deep orange colored skin, and flesh of unusually fine sugary flavor; fine grained, very productive, and keeps well; packet, 5 cents; ounce 10c.

**Cantaloupe—Miller's Cream.** It makes no difference what the size of this melon may be, large or small, they are all sweet and delicious. The skin is very thin, dark green and slightly netted. The flesh is salmon, remarkably sweet, and of very spicy flavor; extremely thick and delicious to the rind. Even in the largest melons the seed cavity is remarkably small. It is a good keeper and one of the best shipping varieties grown. Packet 5c, oz. 20c,  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 30c.



### PARSNIP.

Sow when the apple is in bloom, in good, deep soil, in rows 18 inches apart. Thin to 4 in.



#### Hollow Crown (80 Days.)

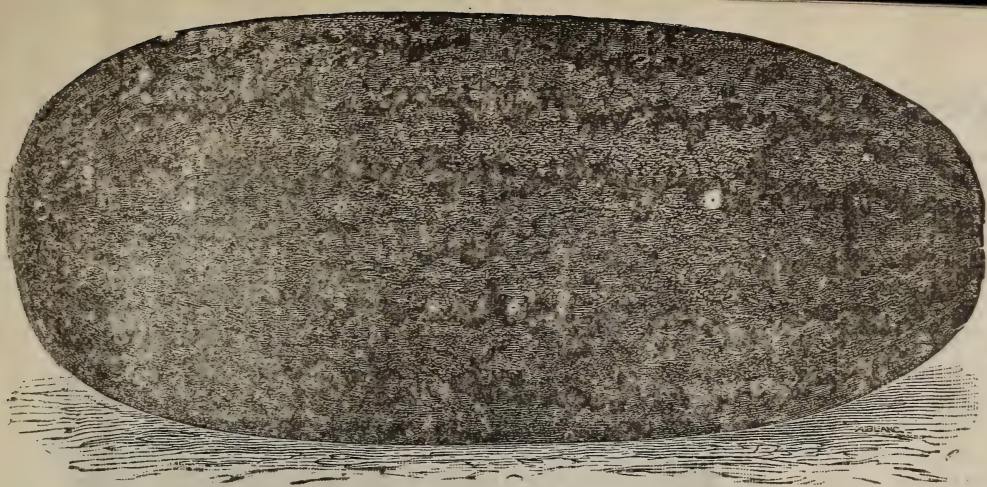
Hollow Crown is the best, and handsomest parsnip to be found. It is half-long, wedge-shaped, hollow-crowned and very broad at the shoulders. Easily taken out of the ground, and producing more tons to the acre than the longer and more slim varieties. Do not confound this with common stock which produces slim roots, forked, and so long as to be next to impossible of extraction from the ground. It's the finest parsnip grown. Pkt. 5c; oz. 10;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 25.

### SALSIFY OR OYSTER PLANT.

A fine vegetable, used the same as Carrots; or, after having been boiled, made into cakes and fried like oysters, which they resemble in flavor. Cultivate the same as carrots and parsnips; it is hardy, can remain in the ground all winter for early spring use, but should be taken up before it starts growing; take up a supply for use during winter. Succeeds best in a light, well enriched mellow soil. Sow early in the spring in drills 15 inches apart, 1 inch deep; thin to six inches in the rows.

**Sanwich Mammoth White.** A new, improved Salsify; double the size of any other sort; superior in quality; pure white color; very meaty and fine flavor. Market gardeners use it exclusively; packets, 5 cents; quarter pound, 40 cts. **12**

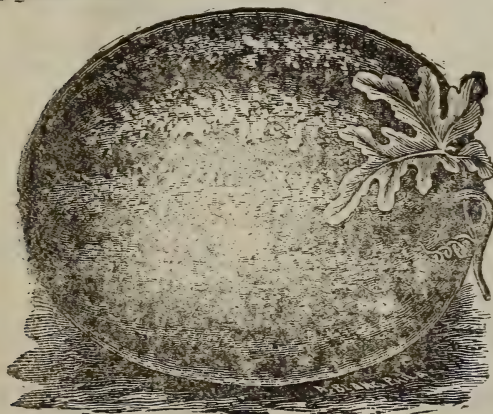




Plant as soon as the soil is dry and warm. In hills 9 feet apart; 8 or 10 seeds to a hill. But when danger of insects is passed thin out to two perfect vines to a hill. Rich soil.

**Improved Florida Favorite.** This excellent variety is a remarkably heavy yielder and one of the finest table melons ever grown. It is two weeks earlier than Kolb's Gem or Gypsy; of medium size, covered with light and dark green stripes, alternately; flesh deep red, delicious, sweet, very firm and crisp. Its earliness and excellent quality are bound to make it popular with those who plant for their own use and prefer quality to enormous size; packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents; quarter pound 30 cents.

**Risdon's Triumph.** This new melon as a market sort and for shipment, is the best introduced. It is very prolific, very early, and of uniformly large size. It is a cross between the Duke Jones and Kolb Gem; has the fine, handsome appearance of the former and the fine shipping qualities of the latter. The rind, like the Duke Jones, is of dark green color, the seed exactly the same color as those of the Kolb Gem; packets, 5 cents;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound 30c.  $\frac{1}{2}$  pound 50c.



**Georgia Rattlesnake.** An old favorite, and one of the largest melons grown. Large, smooth and striped with light wavy stripes. Flesh bright scarlet, and of fine flavor. Packet 5c; oz. 20;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c. (10)

**Risdon's Boss.** No watermelon has ever been introduced which can be compared with the Boss in delicacy of flavor, dazzling brilliancy of color, solidity, depth of flesh, melting quality, and everything going to make a perfect melon. The edible portion of the flesh extending to within less than half an inch of the skin, and yet the rind is so hard that no melon in existence is so good a shipper. We offer true stock. Pkt. 5c; oz. 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.

**Arkansas Traveler.** Ripens in 75 days.

A large, long, weighty melon. Rind dark green, with waving stripes of black; interior always solid, the edible portion extending to within half an inch of the skin without core or cavity. Flesh brilliant red, sweet, tender, crystalline, very juicy and altogether quite superior. A good shipper. No better melon, except the Boss, has ever been offered to lovers of choice watermelons. Pkt. 5c; oz. 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. 40c.

## CANTELOUPE & MUSK MELONS.

**Risdon's Nutmeg Canteloupe—**

Our seed this season have been grown from the old original stock seed. The crop was a fine one, and we feel sure that persons growing Canteloupes from this seed will be more than pleased with the crop. The Risdon Nutmeg is a large Green-Flesh variety, sweet as sugar; in fact, the flavor is that rich canteloupe flavor which cannot be duplicated in any other kind; packets 5 cents; quarter pound 50c.

**The New "Tip-Top" Muskmelon**

ought to be planted by every gardener. Sweet, juicy, finest flavored, firm (but not hard) fleshed, and eatable to the outside coating. Its appearance on the market is very attractive. The fruit is of large size, nearly round, evenly ribbed, and moderately netted. It is also, perhaps, the most productive melon on the market; packet five cents; oz. 20c;  $\frac{1}{4}$  pound 40c.

**Rocky Ford.** The flesh is greenish white in color, with a line of gold just below the rind; very juicy and rich, and good clear to the rind. It is medium in size, of round, oval form, well ribbed, and a most

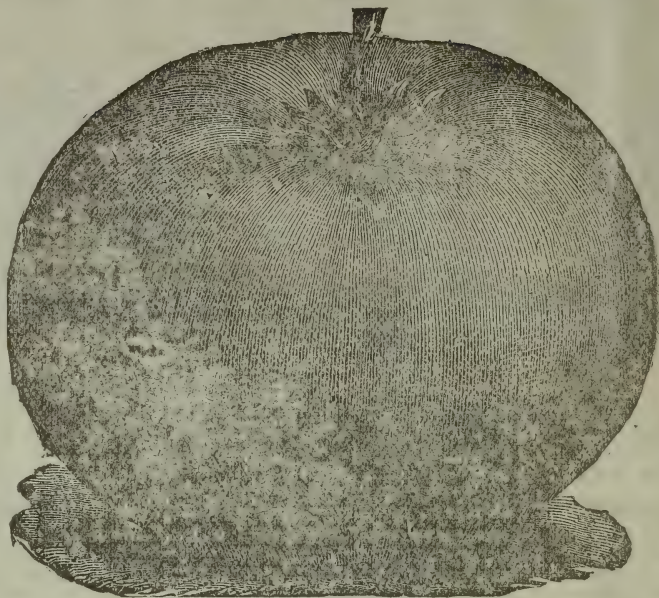


# Risdon's Riverdale King Tomato.

Sow about 8 weeks before they can be set out, under glass for early crop, in outside beds for intermediate crops, and where the plants are to remain, when the apple blooms, for the late crops. Those in beds should be transplanted when the plants have four leaves, 4 or 5 inches apart, and thoroughly hardened before being set out.

## Risdon's Riverdale King

The 20th Century wonder. This tomato will outyield all others. An excellent keeper and shipper. Free from blight, will not crack. Large, round and smooth. Good color, meaty and heavy. Price 5 cents per packet; ounce, 30 cents; quarter pound, 70 cents.



**Sparks' Earliana.** This is undoubtedly the earliest large, smooth tomato ever introduced; perfect in shape, color and quality. It is a beautiful red and ripens thoroughly; even to the stem end. Almost seedless and very solid. There is no tomato ever brought out that is as prolific in yield; it bears its fruit in large clusters and continues to fruit until frost; packet, 5 cents; ounce 30 cents; quarter pound, 80.

**Livingston's Beauty.** We wish to call special attention to our stock of this tomato. It has been bred to such perfection that it is the best all-around variety for the market gardener. The plants are robust, and yield an enormous crop of perfectly shaped fruit during the entire season. It is almost round, solid and meaty; the color is deep purple, and is not affected by extremes in temperature, and the tough skin makes an ideal shipper; packets, 5 cents; ounce, 20 cents quarter pound, 50 cents.

**The Stone.** It matures in 115 days.

A fine tomato for main crop for home garden, marketing or canning. The fruit is perfectly smooth, round, apple-shaped and very large, many of them weighing over a pound, and very deep red in color. It ripens evenly to the stem without cracking, and is very free from rot. It stands shipping well, and is an attractive market variety. One of the most desirable tomatoes for all purposes.

Pkt. 5c; oz. 20c; ¼ lb. 50c.

**Pear-Shaped Yellow.** Handsome, bright, pear-shaped, yellow tomato; packet, 5c; ounce 25c; ¼ pound 75

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## Beef Steak.

Few tomatoes ever introduced have given the general satisfaction that this one has. It has all the good qualities of the best and none of their faults. The smoothest, most solid, heaviest, and most productive ever grown. For market gardens, home and canners' use it has no equal; packet, 5 cents; ounce, 20c; quarter pound, 50.

**Acme.** One of the smoothest and most uniform in size, and earliest of the purple fruited sorts. Vine large, hardy and productive; first fruit almost as early as any, and continuing to bear abundantly until cut off by frost. Fruit in clusters of four or five, free from cracks, and stands shipment remarkably well; flesh solid and of excellent flavor. Best for gardeners who want an early, purple fruited tomato.

Packet 5c; ounce 20c; ¼ pound 50c.

**Dwar Champion.** Stems short, thick, stiff, almost self-supporting. Often sold as the Tree Tomato. Leaves very dark in color, much curled and twisted. Fruit borne in showy clusters, quite large, nearly round, solid, red color with purple tint. Practically no core. Delicious flavor. By reason of its erect, stiff habit, transplanting is absolutely certain. Pkt. 5c; oz. 20c, ¼ lb. 50c.

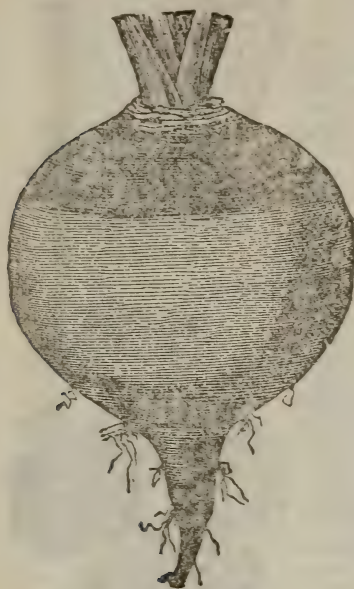
## Sunflower, Large Russian

This variety has large heads, borne at the top of a single, unbranched, stem, and having much more and larger seed than the common sort. Used extensively for feeding poultry. Sow the seed as soon as the ground is fit for planting corn. When the seed is ripe and hard, cut off the heads and pile loosely in a rail pen, having a solid floor or in a corn crib. After curing sufficiently so that they will thresh easily, flail out. This variety will yield 1.00 pounds or more per acre. Sunflower are planted largely in the flower garden for ornament. Packet 5c; oz. 10; ¼ lb. 20.



# TURNIPS.

**Purple Top, White Globe Turnip.** Our stock reaches perfection in turnips. It is a small one, but large, well-formed, handsome roots. In our markets the past fall it



brought double the price of other stocks, and was always preferred by buyers and shippers; packets, 5c; quarter pound 20c.

**White Flat.** Pure white, flat strap leaf turnip. Early and fine; packet, 5 cents; quarter pound, 20 cents; pound, 50 cents.

**Red or Purple-top White Flat.** This turnip is perfect in form and size, and has small tops, with large handsome roots, and matures very early; packet 5 cents; quarter pound, 20c; pound, 50c.

**Purple Top Yellow Aberdeen.** Roots medium sized, round; flesh pale yellow, tender and sugary; hardy and productive, and keep well. It is an old esteemed variety, considered as approaching very nearly to the Ruta Baga in hardness and firmness of texture. Pkt., 5c; oz., 10c; 1 lb., 20c; 1 lb., 50c.

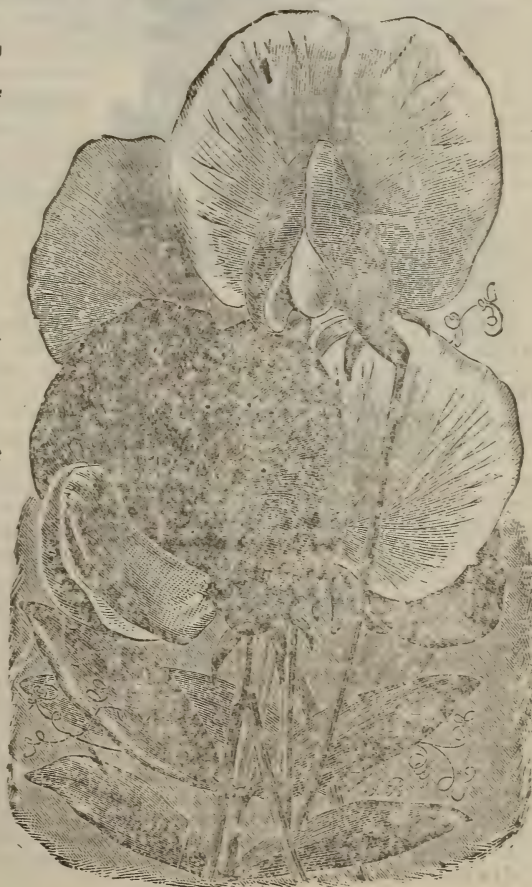
**Amber Globe, Red Crowned.** A selection from the older Green Crowned Amber Globe. The same in all valuable particulars, but more ornamental by reason of contrast in colors of yellow and red. Said by many housekeepers to be sweeter and of more uniformly good quality than any other table turnip. Pkt., 5c; oz., 10c; 1 lb., 20c; 1 lb., 50c.

**Risdon's Swede, or Ruta Baga.** It is delicate in texture, purple-crowned golden-skinned, almost perfectly globular in form, and earlier to mature than any other known form of Ruta Baga. (90 days). The Risdon's Swede will be found not only the best cattle feeding turnip, but the best for table use during winter, being of fine texture and of rich flavor. Pkt., 5c; oz., 10c; 1 lb., 20c; 1 lb., 50c.

## SWEET PEAS. RISDON'S SELECT VARIETIES.

**Our Price, Per Packet, 5c, for all Varieties; 15c. per ounce. postpaid.**

- Apple Blossom.** Rosy pink.
- Blanche Burpee.** Pure white.
- Blanche Ferry.** Rosy pink.
- Black Knight.** Deep maroon.
- Brilliant.** Bright red.
- Countess of Cadogan.** Lilac and blue.
- Countess of Radnor.** Mauve, lavender wings.
- Duchess of Westminster.** Purple standard.
- Duke of Westminster.** Standard, clear purple, wings of purple, tinted violet, large size.
- Emily Henderson.** White, blooms early and profuse.
- Fire Fly.** Brilliant scarlet.
- Lovely.** Shell pink.
- Gray Friar.** Watered purple.
- Lady Mary Currie.** Dark orange.
- Maid of Honor.** White and lilac.
- Navy Blue.** Indigo and violet.
- Stella Morse.** Deep cream color, changing to primrose.





## NASTURTIUMS.

One of the most popular flowers of the present time for corsage, table, lawn and variety, because of its brilliancy of color and easy cultivation. Hardy annuals.

**FALL MIXED.** A select mixture of all the popular and new kinds. Pkt. 3c.



**SELECT DWARF MIXED.** All kinds and colors. Very fine mixture. Pkt. 3c.

## SNAPDRAGON. (Antirrhinum)

old favorite greatly improved. Dark and glossy leaves and large curiously shaped flowers with finely marked throats. Easily raised from seed sown early in spring in warm, dry, poor soil. If plants are not weakened by blooming too much the first year they will stand over winter and bloom better the second season. Hardy perennial.



**TALL.** 11-2 feet high. Flowers rich crimson, white and variegated. Pkt. 3c.

**TOM THUMB, (Nana.)** Very dwarf, growing only six to eight inches high, thickly studded with beautiful spikes of gay colored flowers, orange, scarlet, rose-white, maroon, striped, etc. Pkt. 3c.

**Large Flowering Ten-Weeks Stocks or Gilly Flower.**—A half hardy annual of compact habit with many long spikes of closely-set, large, double flowers, waxy of texture, exceedingly sweet, and varying in color from snow-white to dark maroon-brown, and through, all intermediate shades of red, blue and yellow. It is a grand bedder, and a fine pot plant, blooming the winter through. In the South and West a cool situation should be chosen, sheltered from the mid-day sun. Requires rich, mellow soil, and must never be allowed to suffer for water. It is worse than useless to plant interior seed. Our seed is the choicest. 1 foot high.

**Mixed.**—All colors Pkt. 3c.

## ROSE OF HEAVEN.

(Agrostemma.) Hardy annual, producing pretty blossoms on long slender stems. Very similar to single Pinks, and extremely useful for cutting for bouquets, and pretty in masses in beds. About 1 1/2 feet. Pkt. 3c.



## SWEET WILLIAM, (Single and

Double). Seed can be planted very early in the spring in open ground, and will blossom in Autumn. Or it can be sown in August and will make fine plant for spring. Young plants do better, so seed should be sown every year or two. Hardy biennial. 1 foot high. The colors

pass from white to pink, crimson, carmine, and purple with distinct eyes, encircled with color differing from the rest of the flower. Pkt. 3c.



**POPPIES.** There are few flowers easier to grow or more gorgeously beautiful than Poppies. Do not wait for warm weather—sow very early. Good idea to plant in the Fall.

**The Shirley.** Every one knows the old, common corn poppy, or red weed, with it's brightscarlet flowers. The Shirley

is a strain of this magnificent species which flowers in numberless shades and colors, from pure white to rose pink, carmine, and deepest crimson. Flowers of good size, single or semi-double, and sometimes blotched and striped with white. If cut when first open may be kept fresh many days. The best and most showy of the single poppies. Pkt. 3c.

**PEONY FLOWERED.** A splendid class of large, double flowers, with broad petals, resembling a Peony. All colors. Pkt. 3c.

**MIXED—ALL KINDS.** An assortment containing all of the above and many other kinds. (24) Pkt. 3c.



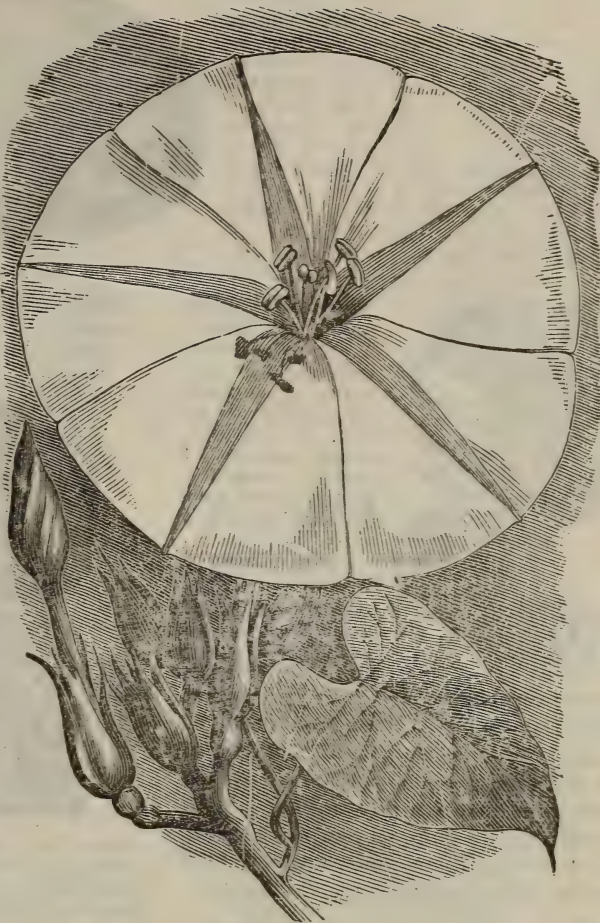


**MOONFLOWER, (Ipomea Noc-tiflora).** This most popular, beautiful rapid growing climber will grow about 30 feet in one season. The foliage is thick, overlapping and glossy, and the large, silky, snow-white flowers, which open at sunset and on cloudy days, are of rare fragrance. The seed being hard some have advised filing the end or soaking in hot water, but we believe it best to plant the seeds one-half inch deep and then pour a kettle of scalding water on them. Rich soil will make large vines and most luxuriant foliage. Pkt. 3c.

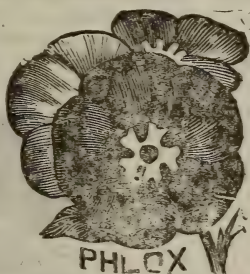
**MORNING GLORY, (Convolvulus Major).** A very hardy, annual climber. The moonflower is one of this family so read directions under moonflower.

**IMPERIAL JAPANESE.** The finest of all Morning Glories Has been developed to such a state of perfection that it now produces flowers of immense size and almost endless variety of color and markings. In fact one may expect to find some new and exquisitely beautiful markings every morning. Not only are the flowers varied but the foliage is equally so. Very finely selected seed. Pkt. 3c.

**TALL, LARGE FLOWERING.**—The favorite old kinds, with large flowers of all colors. Runs 20 feet. Pkt. 3c.



**PHLOX (Drummondii),** in all varieties of colors and shades, cannot be excelled by any annual for brilliant and constant display. Blooms from July to November. The seed may be sown in hotbed or house in March and the plants set out in June, or when ground becomes warm seed may be sown where they are to remain



PHLOX

**Scarlet.** 1 foot high. A rich, velvety scarlet. Pkt. 3c.

**Fine Assortment of all the above.** Pkt. 3c.

**Star or Quedlenburg.** Of dwarf habit, bearing pretty, star-shaped, fringed flowers, varying from violet-blue to rose and blood red, margined with white. Choice assortment. Fine for cutting. Pkt. 3c.

**Wall Flowers.** A half-hardy annual. Deliciously fragrant; blooming early in the spring with spikes of beautiful flowers, they should be protected in the winter and planted in April. Pkt. 3c.

**MARIGOLDS.** Everyone knows these very hardy, most brilliant annuals. Require practically no care grow luxuriantly, and are a mass of gorgeous bloom from July until frost.



MARIGOLD EL DORADO

**The Eldorado, (African).** This is the finest tall marigold. The large, bushy plants are each a ball of brilliant colors, many single plants having seventy-five flowers in bloom at one time. Pkt. 3c.

**Legion of Honor, or Dwarf Brownee.** A beautiful, single, dwarf, bushy variety, bearing rich, golden yellow, velvety flowers, with garnet blotches in the center of each petal. About 6 inches high. Pkt. 3c.

**FORGET-ME-NOT. (Myosotis)** An old favorite, too well known to need a description. Blooms nearly the whole season. Fine for shady nooks, and also excellent for pot in shady windows where few other plants will bloom. A hardy perennial which will bloom first season if sown early. Height 6 inches. Pkt. 3c.



**CANDYTUFT**, (*Iberis*). This good old, hardy annual has been a garden favorite for over three hundred years, and no garden is complete without it. Fine for edging and excellent for cutting. Sow very early in open ground and it will bloom from July to September, sometimes to frost. If sown in autumn will flower earlier. Keep seed heads picked off for a constant succession of bloom.

**ODORATA**. Sweet scented. White; one foot high. Pkt. 3c.

**FINE MIXED**. One foot high. Pkt. 3.



**CALLIOPSIS**,  
(or *Coreopsis*.)

A very showy and easily grown hardy annual, producing flowers in nearly every shade of yellow, orange, crimson, red and brown. Two feet high.

**Fine Single Mixture**. Pkt 3c.

**Double Mixed**. New and very desirable. 1 foot high Pkt. 3c.

**COCKSCOMB** (*Celosia*). Half-hardy annuals. Highly ornamental. Do nicely in garden, or in pots on the house. The



crimsons are the most brilliant and effective. For best results leave one head only to a plant. If cut before they fade the heads may be preserved during the winter.

**CHOICEST MIXED**. An unsurpassed mixture of choicest kinds. Pkt. 3c.

**Dianthus, or Chinese Pinks.**

**Double**. For beauty and variety of colors and markings cannot be surpassed. Ranges from pure white to the most delicate pink and glowing, deep crimson. Succeeds in any soil. Stands neglect, heat and cold. Fine for cutting. Pkt. 3c.

**Japan Double**.—(*Heddewigii*) Very large. Most brilliant colors, and very snowy. Pkt. 3c.



**Plumaris**. (*Pheasant's Eye Pink*.) The old fashioned Grass Pink. Perfectly hardy, blooms very profusely in early summer, and is admirable on account of its delicacy, showiness and fragrance. Nice for cemetery as well as garden. Mixed colors. (20) Pkt. 3c.

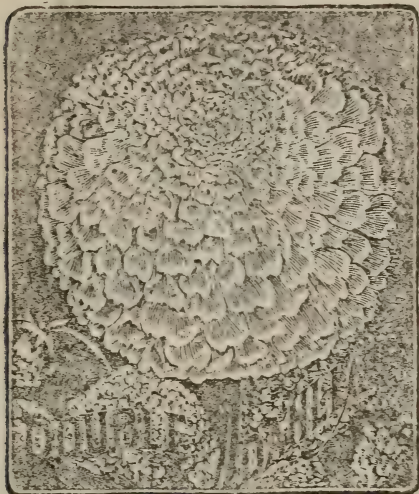
**COSMOS**. A grand fall flower. Sow seed in April or May and will bloom from September to November. In the North, give sheltered position. Give light, rich soil, and if you have time, support each plant by tying to a deeply driven stake, as they are too heavy when in bloom and easily blown over. Grow from 4 to 6 feet. We have seen rows of them in this part of the country, planted near an open fence, eight feet high and simply a solid mass of gorgeous color. The feathery, dark green foliage forms a filmy setting for the hundreds of graceful, daisy-like flowers that make each plant like some huge bouquet. The pure, white, soft pink and deep crimson shades are exquisite and for cutting or wearing they have no superior.

**MIXED**. All colors. Pkt. 3c.





**DAHLIAS** can be grown from seed same season. They are remarkably easy to



germinate, and from the very seed leaf the plants are stocky and sturdy. Seed sown in the house in March or April and transplanted to garden when all danger of frost is passed will bloom as soon as plants grown from tubers. Some of the finest, largest Dahlias, and the richest colors, we have ever seen, were from seed. Give good soil and never let the plants suffer for water and you will be delighted with the result. Out of a large paper of seed no two plants will be alike in flower, while every color will be represented, from snow white to blackish maroon.

**TALL DOUBLE** Choice mixture of different colored, large flowering varieties. 5 feet high. Packet 3c.

**DWARF.** Double. All colors. Only 3 feet high. Very select. Pkt. 3c.

**CARNATIONS.** They are too well known and loved to need any extended description. Indispensable for pot and garden culture. Half hardy perennials. Seed sown will bloom the following summer, producing far more flowers than the green house kinds—a single plant often having 50 to 75 flowers.

**DOUBLE EARLY VIENNA.** A superior mixture of large flowering varieties of brilliant colors, including yellows and blues. Pkt. 3t.



**Marguerite Carnation.** A magnificent new class of Carnations

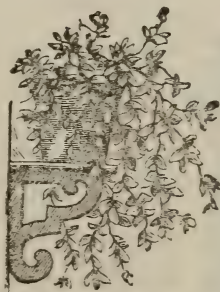
that will bloom in four months after sowing the seed. They are without exception the most abundant bloomers of all the pinks. Brilliant colors ranging through many beautiful shades of reds, pinks, white, variegated, etc. With this Carnation flowers can be had all summer and winter if consecutive sowings are made.

Pkt. 3c.

**FOXGLOVE.** (*Digitalis*.) If plants are not allowed to seed they are crowded for months by very long, pyramidal spikes of lovely, pendant, thimble-shaped bells, snow-white, rosy blush, or exquisitely shaded or spotted. The blooms are about two inches in length, and lap each other. Hardy perennials of easy culture, living for years without care. Rarely blooms until second year. 3 to 4 feet high. Sow in spring or autumn. Pkt. 3c.



**FOUR-O'CLOCKS, OR MARVEL OF PERU.** (*Mirabilis*.) Known as Four O'Clocks because it opens its flower about that time daily. Grows two feet high, with bright foliage and great numbers of fragrant flowers in desirable colors. Pkt. 3c.



**ICE PLANT. A**

handsome and curious plant for hanging baskets, rock work, vases and edgings. The leaves and stems are succulent and fleshy and appear as though covered with ice crystals and for this reason it is sometimes called Diamond Plant. Tender, annual

tailor 12 inches high.

Pkt. 3c.

**Scarlet Runner.** Chiefly grown for its brilliant scarlet flowers, which are borne in long racemes from July to October; are so excellent as a shelled bean. It is often used for covering arbors or porches. You have the flowers as well as the beans.

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Pkt. 3c.



**PLANT, (Ricinus).**



Has enormous leaves, two feet and over across and beautifully lobed. With good soil and plenty of moisture plants have grown twelve feet high in a season. Planted singly on the lawn it makes a perfect pyramid thickly set from bottom to top with its broad palmate leaves, of light green, with whitish ribs,

coppery brown changing to dark green with red ribs and brown stems, brownish-purple leaves, and bronze leaves with reddish ribs and brown stems. In a large group it gives a tropical effect impossible to produce with any other plant. Beans borne are prettily speckled and mottled. Plant seeds rather early in the spring in open, very rich, deeply spaded soil, in a dry situation. Pkt. 3c.

**GOURDS.** Annual, very rapid, tender climbers from 10 to 20 feet high, covered with curious shaped and colored fruit. Valuable for covering screens, arbors, fences, stumps, etc. Should have moist, rich, loamy soil to attain perfection. The Bottle and Dipper Gourds are useful when dry for domestic purposes. The gauzer like covering of the Luffa, Dish Cloth or Bonnet Gourd, is very strong and can be utilized for many purposes. We send a splendid assorted package of many colors. Packet 3c



**LARKSPUR.** (Delphinium), An old-fashioned, very choice, and especially hardy annual which increases in beauty each year. Tall and stately, with immense spikes of most brilliant flowers in all shades of lavender, mauve, and blues. Will do better if sown in the fall and protected during the winter.



**Tall Rocket Mixed.** 3 feet high. Pkt 3c  
**Double Mixed.** Choicest mixture of all the leading kinds. Pkt. 3c.

**MIGNONETTE.** Dense, semi-globular spikes of exceedingly fragrant flowers—so fragrant that the whole atmosphere is perfumed. If sown at intervals in spring and early summer, will bloom till frost. Sown in autumn will bloom early following spring. No garden is complete without a plot of hardy Mignonette and no nosegay without a sprig of these sweet smelling flowers. Grows successfully anywhere.



**SWEET.** (Reseda Odorata.) The old favorite, small flowered and sweetest smelling variety. Pkt. 3c

**PORTULACA.** A popular, hardy, annual creeper that delights in warm sun and sandy soil. The hotter and drier the better it does. Sow early and it will bloom from July until frost. Literally covers the ground with a cloud of gay blossoms of every color of the rainbow.

**Splendens.** Choice mixture of fine kinds and colors. Pkt 3c.

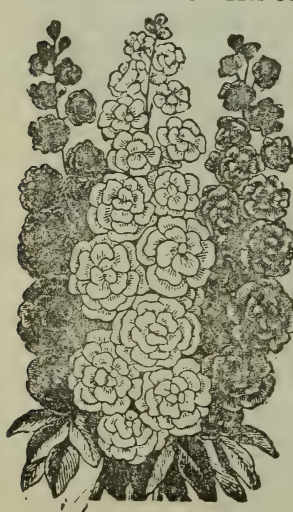
**GERANIUMS.** Good Mixture. Packet 3 cents.

**CODETIA—Satin Flower—**A handsome, hardy annual, particularly useful because it will grow in shady places where so few really fine flowers can be grown. They bloom a long time, and so profusely that the foliage is almost hidden by the many large, wide-open flowers, of shining, satin texture, and of the most delicate and lovely colors. Compact and about a foot high. Assorted, deep rose-pink, rosy carmine, snow-white, lilac, purple, spotted, blotched and striped. Pkt. 3c.



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**HOLLYHOCKS.** All colors, mixed. A hardy, perennials, unsurpassed as a stately, imposing plant for backgrounds, screens, center of borders, etc. Plants grow from four to eight feet high, and bear pyramidal spikes of large, rosette-like flowers of every shade and color, from pure white to almost black. If seed is started very early, often blooms by September. Pkt. 3c.





**ADONIS** (Pheasant's Eye). A handsome, hardy, herb like annual, with finely cut, dark green foliage and intense, blood red flowers. Very striking. One foot high.

Packet 3 cts.



**AMARANTHUS.**

Very attractive, ornamental foliage plants. Half hardy annuals. 2 feet high.

**CAUDATUS.**

(Love Lies Bleeding.) Rich red. Drooping. Pkt. 3c.

**TRICOLOR.**

(Joseph's Coat.) Foliage golden yellow, green and crimson. Hardy annual. Pkt. 3c

**ALYSSUM.** A sweet scented, hardy

annual. Blooming profusely from early summer until frost. Nice for small bouquets. Cut back when finished flowering and will bloom again. Requires but little attention and therefore fine for cemeteries.

**Sweet. White.**

6 inches high.

Pkt. 3.



**BACHELOR'S BUTTON, OR CORN FLOWER.** (Centaurea Cyanus). Also

known as Blue Bottle. A hardy annual much prized and easily grown. Height 11-2 feet. Dense branching foliage, above which is borne hundreds of lovely, blue, white and red blossoms. Flowers quick after planting in g.



**DOUBLE,** assorted colors.

Pkt. 3;

**SINGLE.** All the above colors. Pkt. 3c.

**BALSAMS.** One of the most beautiful and easiest growers of all garden flowers. Soil must be fairly rich and they must be planted at least 18 inches apart.

**ROSE FLOWERED.**

Very large, full and double. All colors. 1 foot. Superfine. Pkt. 3c.

**CARNATION FLOWERED.**

Very large and double. All colors, striped. 2 feet high.

**CAMELLIA FLOWERED.** Striped like Camellias and full like roses. White blotched with assorted colors. 1 ft. 2c.

**DOUBLE MIXED.** Comprise seed of all varieties, in all colors. Very fine. 1 foot high. Pkt. 3c.



**CHRYSANTHEMUMS.** (French Mar-

guerites, or Painted Daisies). The annual varieties grow from 12 to 18 inches high and bear a profusion of bloom, each flower being belted and zoned with most clear and vivid colors. They are among the most gorgeous flowers for the garden, easily grown, bloom all

summer, and elegant pot plants for the house in winter.



**Burridgeanum.** Rich crimson with white center. Single. Pkt. 3c.

**Coronarium.** A splendid assortment of brilliant colors. Double. Pkt. 3c.

**CANTERBURY BELL — Campanula.**

Handsome, hardy biennial, of stately growth, rich color, and profuse bloom. Succeeds best in light, rich soil. Has large, bell-shaped flowers which are strikingly effective. Some kinds bloom first year. 2 feet high.

**Single Mixed.**

Fine assortment. Pkt. 3c.

**Double Mixed.** Very choice. All colors.



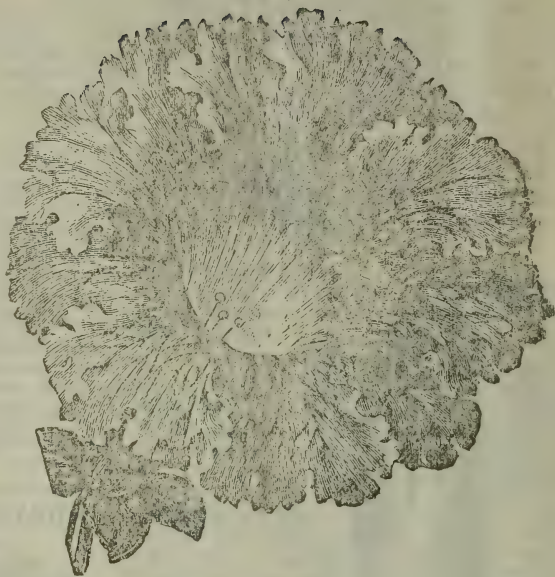
Pkt. 3c.



**PITUNIAS** are annuals of extraordinary merit and of very easy culture, producing a fine effect by reason of the beautiful combination of colors. In the garden, conservatory, greenhouse or house they produce most beautiful flowers in great profusion. Will grow freely in any soil. Stand drought, heat and rain better than any other annual. We offer most excellent, fresh, seed.

**MIXED.** Fine assortment of different kinds and colors. Pkt. 3c

**HYACINTH BEAN.** (*Dolichos Lablab*). Splendid climber producing abundant clustered spikes of purple and white flowers, which are followed by exceedingly ornamental seed pods. Tender annual, ten to twenty feet high. Pkt. 3c.



**VERBERAS.** For constant and profuse flowering, and for brilliancy and beauty of colors the Verbena has no equal. Start

seed early under glass, if possible, or in the house, that good strong plants may be had for transplanting to the garden. They will commence blooming in June and continue until after severe frosts. In August cuttings may be taken and potted for winter blooming. Seed may be planted in open ground in May. Half hardy perennial trailer about a foot high. Nearly all verbenas raised from seed are sweetly fragrant.

**WHITE and SCARLET EYE.** All colors, assorted. The scarlet-eyed varieties are rare and very expensive. Pkt. 3c.

**ITALIAN STRIPED.** Are very showy flowers of various colors, and handsomely striped. Pkt. 3c.

**MAMMOTH VERBENA.** Finest, largest and most beautiful verbenas grown. Flowers of unusual size, single flowers sometimes being as large as a twenty-five cent piece, while the clusters of bloom are very large and magnificent, and the range of color in vividness and gorgeousness is unsurpassed. This is something exceptionally choice. Pkt. 3c.





## RADIANTLY BEAUTIFUL PANSIES.



Pansies are easily grown anywhere, but to secure large flowers of most beautiful colors they must be planted in the cool, deep, mellow beds they love, made rich with fertilizers, kept free from weeds, and shaded from the afternoon sun. In such a bed one may gather greatvelvety Pansies by the hundreds—flowers so radiantly beautiful that they scarcely seem of the earth. Although the Pansy loves coolness, and gives its largest, finest blooms in early spring and late autumn, they are so easy to grow that those living in the South can grow superb ones by giving rich bed, sheltered location, and abundant water. Sow seed early in house or in open ground. In the open ground sow seed very early in spring, while the ground is yet cool and moist, or late autumn and fall bloom, or in August and September for spring and early summer bloom. For fall-sown seed have the bed moist and kept shaded by boards or papers until plants appear. These will make vigorous plants that will endure the winter.

**AUREA.** The finest and handsomest of yellows. Pkt. 3c.

**FAUST, KING OF BLACKS.** The darkest Pansy. Almost coal black. Pkt. 3c.

**EMPEROR WILLIAM.** Large and very choice. Ultra-Marine blue, with purple-violet eye. Pkt. 3c.

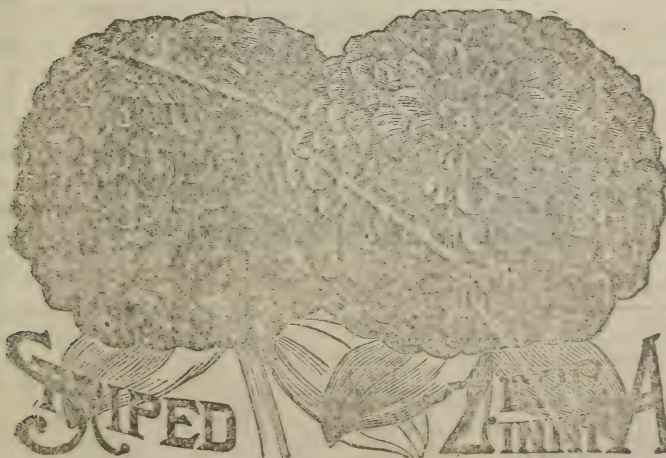
**PRINCE BISMARCK.** Rich golden bronze. Pkt. 3c.

**LORD BEACONSFIELD.** True. Flowers of great substance and size, shading from deep indigo at the center to the palest azure blue at the edge of the upper petals. Unlike any other Pansy. Pkt. 3c.

**GIANT TRIMARLEAU.** Mixed. A distinct class of pansies of vigorous growth, bearing enormous flowers, often measuring over three inches across. All colors and shades. Very choice. 1 Kt. 3c.

**RISDON'S MIXTURE.** Made up of all popular kinds, including above named varieties. A splendid assortment. Pkt. 3c.

There are many other, beautiful and fancy, and excessively high priced varieties which we do not list because they are grown only by fanciers and in small quantities. These we offer provide a satisfactory collection for anyone else.



**ZEBRA OR STRIPED.** Flowers large, double and of perfect shape, like illustration. All colors, orange, crimson, yellow, scarlet, white, etc., and many all striped.

**ZINNIA, (Youth and Old Age.)** One of the most beautiful and brilliant annuals, it has long been a favorite. A bed planted with this fine plant, as a center, cannot fail to give satisfaction and pleasure. Seed should be sown early and young plants set out as soon as the season will permit; they bloom early and continuously.

and spotted in different shades. Hardly any two alike. 2 feet high. Mixed. Pkt. 3c.  
**TALL DOUBLE MIXED.** A nice mixture of scarlet, orange, etc., and nearly all striped.



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All Seeds and Premiums Sent Postpaid.

We heartily appreciate the friendly and active co-operation of our old friends and agents, many of whom have for years been selling seed for us, and through whose efforts our seeds have become known and trusted throughout the United States, Canada and the West Indies.

**Our Premiums.** In this list will be found something desirable, or useful, for everyone; and *every premium is fully guaranteed to be exactly as it is represented.* Under no circumstances will we intentionally misrepresent the character or value of any article. Our aim is to give satisfaction.

You may choose a premium for each lot of seeds when you pay for them, and we will forward it at once; or, if you wish to obtain some article offered for selling a larger number of packets, we will credit you with the number sold as fast as you pay for them, and when the total number entitles you to the desired premium it will be sent to you.

**Our Seeds** are fully described in our Seed Catalogue, a copy of which you either have, or is sent to you herewith, or will be mailed upon request.

**Our Plan—How to Get Seeds.** If you have sold seeds for us before you need no instructions, but if you have not you simply look over our Catalogue and Premium List, and select what you want to sell, and the premium, then send us a clearly written order along with the money, and we immediately send you the seeds and the premium, by mail or express according to the size, we paying the postage or express charges. When you receive the seeds, you sell the vegetable seeds at **5 CENTS** and flower seed at **3 Cents** per packet, and keep all the money you get for them.

**NOTE**—Premiums are given for selling seeds in packets—not ounces, pints or larger quantities. The prices on ounces and larger amounts are low and postage heavy. However we will let quantities count as follows:

You may count 1 ounce as 1 packet;  $\frac{1}{4}$  lb. or 1 pint as 4 packets.

**Agents Wanted.** We want active agents everywhere, to whom we will allow 40 per cent **CASH COMMISSION** on amount of seed ordered, cash to accompany order if preferred to premiums.

**How to Send Money.** Remit by postal money order, express money order, or bank draft. Currency or coin is liable to be lost from the envelope. Postage stamps—one-cent or two-cent—will be accepted for small amounts.

~~10~~ If the foregoing instructions and information, or any of our offers are not entirely clear to you, write us for further particulars.

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JOHN R. RISDON SEED COMPANY,  
RIVERDALE, MARYLAND.



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## THIS SERVICEABLE BOY'S BLUE CHEVIOT SUIT

This is a very attractive and stylish "two-piece" suit, suitable for wear by any boy at any time, and in any place. The material from which it is made is a standard, blue cheviot. The Coat is double-breasted, with two pockets, and the knee-pants have two side-pockets. We send you either summer or winter weight.

The garments are thoroughly well made in every respect, of excellent material throughout and nicely finished. Are decidedly different stock from the many cheap and shoddy suits now being offered as premiums. We absolutely guarantee satisfaction.

These suits are furnished in sizes from 7 to 15 years of age (only). Be sure and give age when ordering. Sent FREE for a FOUR DOLLAR cash order.

This suit would cost you from \$3.00 to \$6.00.

We pay Express Charges anywhere in the United States.



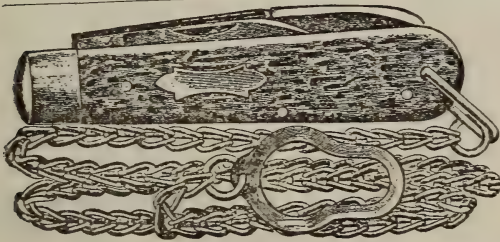
## THE HAMILTON RIFLE.



The "Hamilton" frame and working parts are of steel, beautifully finished in Blue Back, the stock of walnut, with simple and convenient "take down" features. A forward motion of the lever exposes the opening for loading, and after the cartridge has been inserted, a reverse motion closes and locks the action securely, after which the milled thumb piece is drawn back and the rifle is ready to fire. After firing, another forward motion of the lever extracts and throws out the exploded shell and the loading process is quickly repeated. Fitted with rear peep sight with adjustments both ways. Chambered for 22 calibre short and long rim fire cartridges. *Every Rifle is fully*

The "Hamilton" is given Free for a THREE DOLLARS and SIXTY cents cash order.

We pay all delivery charges.



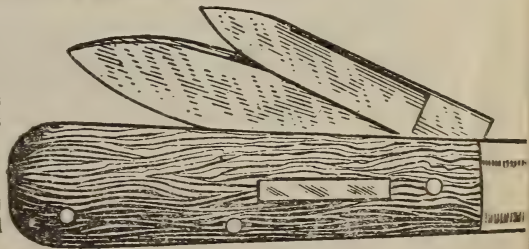
KNIFE.—With Chain Attached

### THE BOY'S PRIDE

This is a two-bladed pocket knife, strong and durable, in stag or rosewood handle. Nickel plated chain attached. You cannot lose it. Just the knife for the school boy or to be given as a present to father or older brother.

## BOYS EXTRA STRONG KNIFE.

If a boy has enough discretion to be entrusted with a knife, he is entitled to a good one. Of course it should be strong, but it should also cut as well as his father's. The knife we offer has stag handle, is metal lined, firmly bolstered, and has two blades—one large and strong and one small. It is also an excellent knife for a man's general heavy use. Sent FREE and postpaid for a ONE DOLLAR cash order.





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## WATCHES FOR MEN OR BOYS STEM WIND AND STEM SET.

The Improved "Yankee" is the best low-priced Stem Wind and Stem Set watch in America and we defy the world to produce its equal.

### Description.

The "Yankee" has a plain, highly polished nickel case and is fitted with lever escapement stem wind and stem set movement, which is timed, tested and regulated and fully guaranteed for one year.

Sent FREE and postpaid for THREE DOLLARS, cash order.



and stem set watch.

Our special nickel and polished pinions, extra tempered special jewels and polished balance staff and points and safety rollers. Main spring encased in barrel, easy for repairs.

Remember the case is plain, white metal, always looks like silver, and never changes color or wears off, as it is the same right through. This is a very low offer for such a good watch.

Sent FREE and postpaid for a \$4.20 cash order.

Manufacturer's guarantee goes with each watch.



## WOMEN and GIRLS' WATCHES.

### Stem Wind and Stem Set

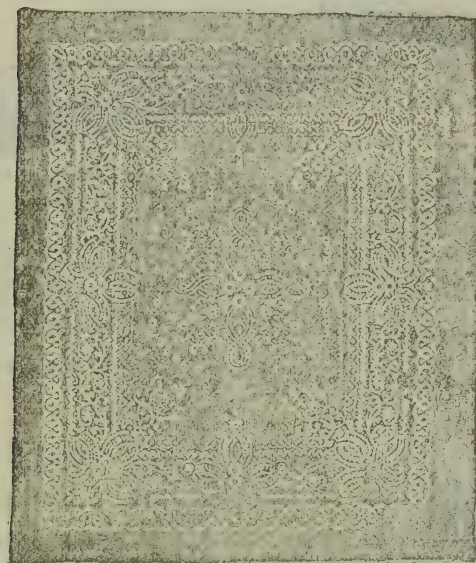
Ingersoll new Ladies' Model is a 6-size open face, stem wind

## White Lace Bed Set, Floral Pattern

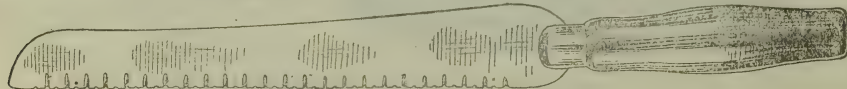
### SPREAD AND TWO SHAMS.

This is the best article ever offered as a premium by any firm. Floral pattern, beautiful and artistic woven design, assorted patterns, and excellent quality that cannot be bought at your nearest town for the price at which we offer them. Size of spread 90 by 72 inches, size of shams 33 by 33 inches. The set consists of two shams and one spread.

We send all three pieces Free and postpaid for FORTY DOLLARS and FIFTY CENTS cash order.

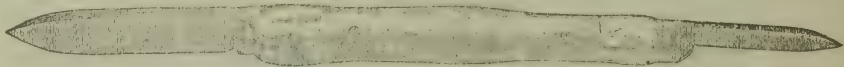


## "THE LIGHTNING" BREAD and CAKE KNIFE



Is the most excellent article ever devised for slicing frosted cake hot or cold bread. Sent Free and postpaid for ONE DOLLAR cash order.

## Ladies or Misses Knife.



This is the handsomest knife for a lady we have ever found in our search for premiums. Contains two cutting blades. The handle is pearl, with brass linings and rivets. Cut is exact size. Very useful and it's a beauty.

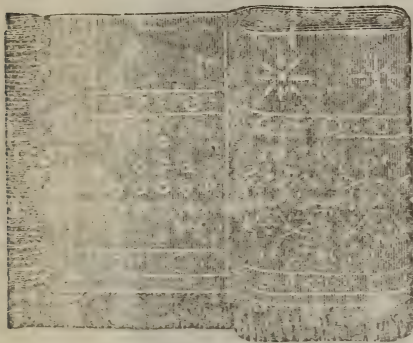
Sent Free and postpaid for ONE DOLLAR, cash order.



# LACE CURTAINS.

ONE PAIR, (TWO CURTAINS).

Genuine Nottingham effect, good quality. Buttonhole stitched edge, fine net. Size 34x108 inches each. Artistic designs; assorted patterns. Equal in appearance to the higher priced ones. Good enough for hanging in any home. Sent Free and postpaid for a THREE DOLLAR cash order.



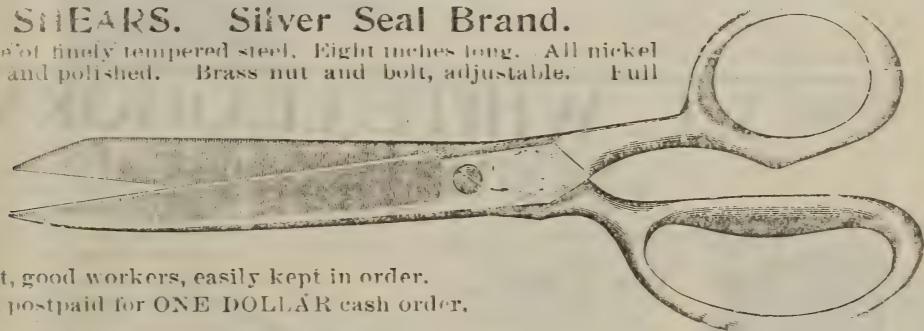
## Martha Washington Table Cover

This is the genuine Martha Washington brand Turkey Red cover. Guaranteed absolutely fast color, red background, with a beautiful floral center in white, woven with large white border all around to match. This being the genuine goods, the quality is unquestioned. We handle the best grade only. Combed fringe; full size and weight.

Sent FREE and postpaid for THREE DOLLAR cash order

## SHEARS. Silver Seal Brand.

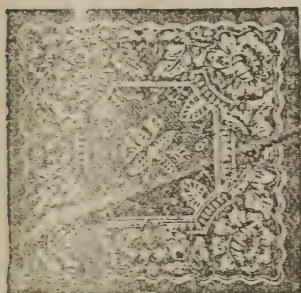
Made of finely tempered steel. Eight inches long. All nickel plated and polished. Brass nut and bolt, adjustable. Full



weight, good workers, easily kept in order.

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## Two Floral lace Pillow Shams.



This picture but faintly shows the beauty of these lovely Nottingham pillow shams. They measure 36 x 36 inches each, entirely lace in lovely floral design. An exceptionally good opportunity to secure a set by doing a few minutes work. We send the two Free and postpaid for a ONE DOLLAR and TWENTY cent cash order.

## Sterling Silver Thimble

would make a most handsome and useful present for any woman or girl. It is the sort of gift of which she cannot get too many, for when she mislays one she can readily find another with which to continue her work. It is of sterling silver and exceedingly neat. Be sure and state size of thimble you wish. Given Free for a \$1.00 cash order.



## OUR LEADER GUARANTEED FOUNTAIN PEN



This is an exceptionally good pen, which we can recommend to our friends. It's guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or may be returned, and some other premium selected. Made of hard rubber, writes smoothly, and ink flows freely. It holds enough ink to last about a month. Extra pens; rubber filler and directions sent with each. We have sent out thousands of pens to satisfied customers, everywhere. It's service equals almost any \$3.00 pen. Cut shows appearance and is two-thirds size.

Sent FREE and postpaid for ONE DOLLAR cash order.



# WHITE WYANDOTTES

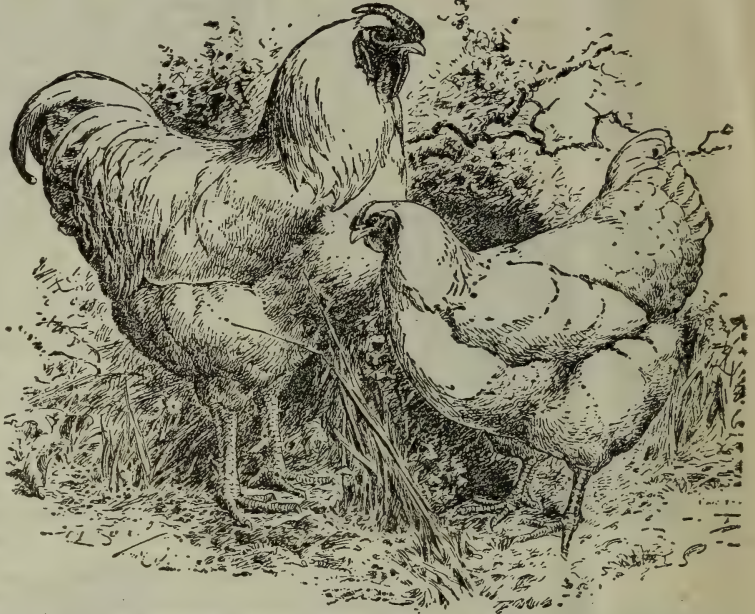
For the Farm

For the Fancier

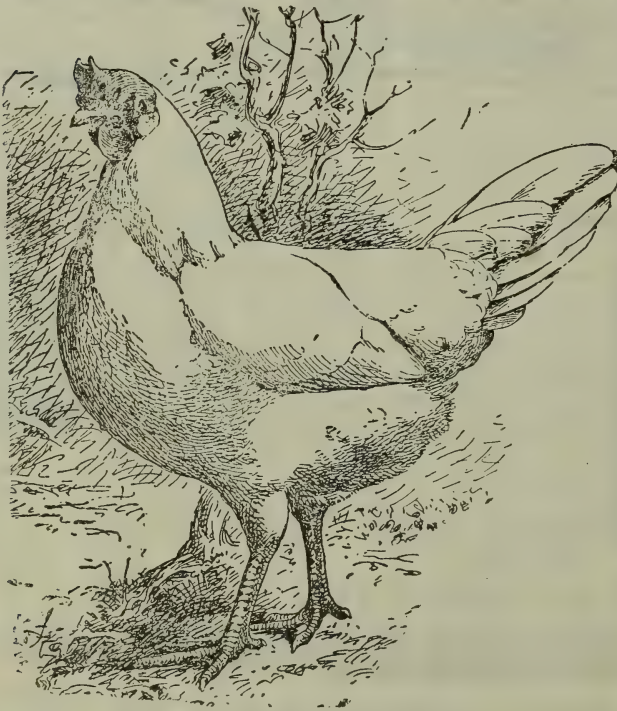
The Great American Egg Producer

My Wyandottes are equal, if not superior layers to the Leghorns, there is no better fowl for general purposes. Eggs weighing one pound and fourteen ounces to the dozen. They are plump, good weight and easy to raise. Eggs \$2.00 for 15. All eggs for hatching are from 2 year old stock. Mated for the best general results.

Wyandottes are the best kind of table fowls, they do not get tough nor dry, meat is always juicy.



## S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS



need no especial praise, my stock is the famous Van Dresser and Wyckoff strains direct, the cocks are the stay white kind. Hens large and well developed, and are heavy layers.

Pairs, trios and pens for sale at all times. State your wants and ask for prices.

### EGGS CAREFULLY PACKED

and shipped any distance with perfect safety.

My personal attention given to every order. I do not trust the packing or shipping of eggs to hired help.

When ordering please be careful to give your Express Office as it saves time and money, and insures quick delivery.

All correspondence promptly answered.

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Riverdale, Maryland

**John R. Risdon,**

Proprietor

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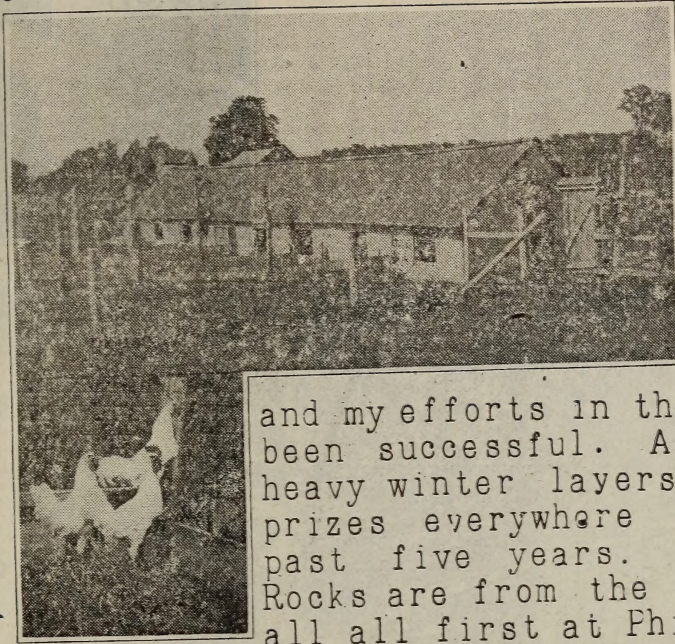
**CASH WITH ORDER**

**Two First Prizes on Pens**

**15 Eggs, Any Variety, \$2.00**



# Riverdale Poultry Yards



Five acres devoted exclusively to thoroughbred poultry. My aim for 15 years has to increase the egg yielding

and my efforts in that direction has been successful. All my stock are heavy winter layers, and have won prizes everywhere shown, for the past five years. White Plymouth Rocks are from the stock which won all all first at Philadelphia, Baltimore, Hagerstown and at the Great National Poultry Show at Washington. Won 2d Cockerel, 2d, 3d and 4th Hen at Washington, and four first at Ellicott City.

**They Win**

**They Lay**

**They Pay**

## White Plymouth Rocks

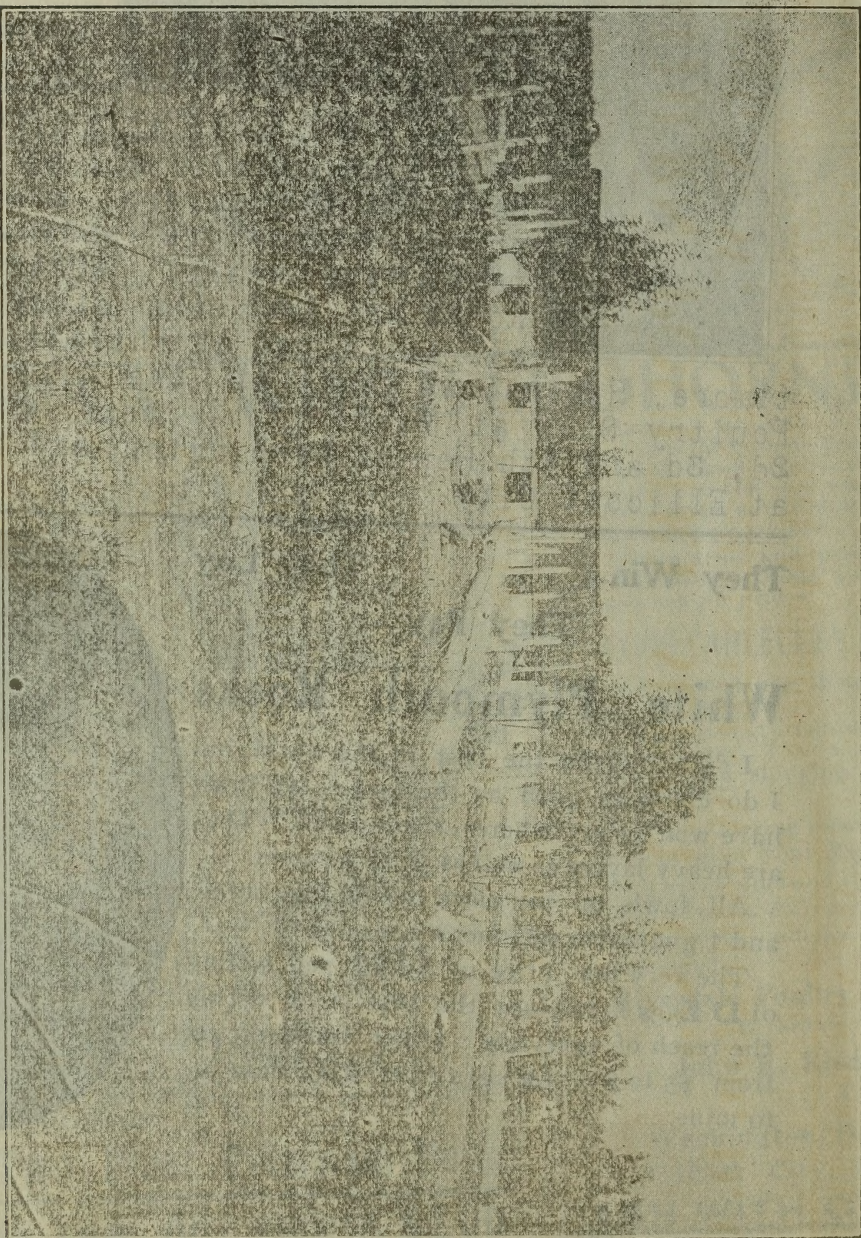
I do not claim the best in the world, but I do claim as good as the best. My fowls have won prizes wherever exhibited. They are heavy layers as well as prize winners.

All fowls on my place are thoroughbred, and I guarantee satisfactory results.

The very low price of **\$2.00** per setting of **13 Eggs** is to place the best stock within the reach of everyone. Other breeders get from \$5 to \$15 for eggs from stock inferior to mine.









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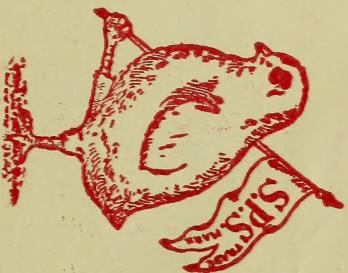
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...Multum Ovum...

Will fill your egg basket. It is not only an EGG PRODUCER, but a telling CONDITION POWDER, keeps your fowls healthy and gives them bright and pretty plumage. Fanciers use it before exhibiting at shows.

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Raises all your little chicks

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## Stone's RED Powder

Has no Equal as a Sure Cure for Cholera and Roup.

Roup is contagious and should never be allowed to get a hold on your fowls. It is usually the result of a cold, contracted by various causes.

This preparation is scientifically prepared, promoting healthy action. It gives vigorous life to little chicks especially; prevents leg weakness and general debility from overfeeding and close confinement in brooders.

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